

TO: Massachusetts Historical Commission Members  
FROM: Brona Simon, Executive Director  
DATE: March 6, 2026  
RE: March 11, 2026 Commission Meeting Agenda

The Massachusetts Historical Commission will meet on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. remotely on Zoom. The agenda will be as follows:

**1:00 Meeting Minutes (vote required)**

- a. December 10, 2025 Minutes

**1:05 Preservation Planning Division**

1. National Register Program (vote required), Ben Haley, National Register Director
  - a. Acushnet, Perry Hill Christian Church
  - b. Harwich, Harwich Port Library
  - c. Lenox, Home Farm Historic District\*
  - d. Northborough, Daniel Holbrook, Sr. House
2. Local Historic District Preliminary Study Reports (vote required), Michael Steinitz, Director, Preservation Planning Division
  - a. Melrose, Benjamin Lynde House Local Historic District
3. FY26 Survey and Planning Grant Awards (vote required), Michael Steinitz, Director, Preservation Planning Division

**2:05 Executive Director's Report**, Brona Simon, Executive Director

**2:20 New Business**

**2:30 Adjourn**

*\*If more than fifty percent of private property owners in a proposed National Register District object to listing, the nomination will not be included in the final agenda. Every property owner of record may comment and/or object to the proposed National Register Historic District in accord with the National Historic Preservation Act and 36 CFR Part 60. These regulations require that owner objections be notarized. However, Section 1746 of Title 28 of the U.S. Code provides a generally applicable alternative to these notarization requirements. Accordingly, the NPS must consider objections made under penalty of perjury consistent with 28 U.S.C. § 1746 to be valid objections, even if they are not notarized, if those objections otherwise comply with the requirements in the NPS's regulations. These objections must be counted as valid objections when determining whether a majority of private property owners have objected to listing a property in the National Register. Please contact MHC staff for instructions on submitting a comment or objection.*