



CAMBRIDGE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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Date: February 27, 2026
To: Members and Alternates of the Historical Commission
City Clerk, please post
From: Charles Sullivan, Executive Director
Re: Agenda

The next meeting of the Cambridge Historical Commission will be on **Thursday, March 5, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.** This meeting will be held online with remote participation. The public may participate via Zoom (<https://zoom.us/>) from a phone, tablet, or computer. **Join meeting at <https://tinyurl.com/CHC5mar2026> or call (301)715-8592. Webinar ID#: 826 9379 0082.** Confirm meeting details or view meeting materials online at <https://tinyurl.com/CHistComm>. Submit written comment to histcomm@cambridgema.gov prior to 24 hours before the meeting.

AGENDA:

1. Consent Agenda
2. Continued Cases
 - Case D-1774: 37-39 Essex St., by Amelia Taylor Pour-Over Trust.** (Continued from 12/4/25). Partial demolition of house (1845).
 - Case 5382: Austin Hall, 1515 Mass. Ave., by President & Fellows of Harvard College.** (Continued from 1/8/26). Replace platform lifts with enclosed lifts.
3. New Cases, Alterations to Designated Properties
 - Case 5388: 17 Berkeley St., by Huien Huang and Hui Gao.** Exterior restoration and renovations. Alter paint colors, paving, fences.
4. New Cases, Demolition Review
 - Case D-1801: 76 and 78 Thorndike St., by 76-78 Thorndike Street LLC.** Partial demolition of two buildings including roofs. (1894 and 1844).
 - Case D-1802: 60 Vassar St. (MIT Building 39), by Massachusetts Institute of Technology.** Demolish the building (1966) except for columns and slabs.
5. Preservation Grants
6. Minutes (January 8, 2026)
7. Director's Report
8. Other Business

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