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Certificate of Appointment

September 2, 2025

I appoint Christopher Lane to the position of associate member of the Design Review Committee for a term to expire February 29, 2028 and I certify that said person is qualified to perform the duties of the said office, and I make this appointment solely in the interest of the City of Amesbury.

This appointment shall not become effective until twenty-one days following filing with the city clerk, in accordance with the Amesbury Home Rule Charter.


Kassandra Gove
Mayor



MEMORANDUM

TO: Amesbury City Council

FROM: Kassandra Gove, Mayor *Ka*

DATE: August 28, 2025

RE: Appointment of Christopher Lane to the position of associate member of the Design Review Committee

Please accept this recommendation to waive the provisions of § 9-5 (c) of the City Charter relative to the appointment of Christopher Lane AIA, MCPPO to the position of associate member of the Design Review Committee (DRC).

As it stands, Mr. Lane currently serves on the Amesbury Historical Commission and has received requests from both the Historical Commission and the Office of Community & Economic Development to join the DRC. His role would be to act as a liaison between these two entities, facilitating communication and streamlining project review processes.

Notably, Mr. Lane already regularly attends DRC meetings, and I firmly believe that his dual appointment would ultimately benefit the city by promoting effective collaboration and coordination between these bodies.

I appreciate your consideration of this recommendation. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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MAKE HISTORY HERE

CHRISTOPHER P. LANE AIA, MCPPO

Principal | Architect



Years of Experience: 30

EDUCATION

WENTWORTH INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
BACHELOR OF ARCHITECTURE

NEW HAMPSHIRE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE
ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE OF ARCHITECTURAL ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY AND ENGINEERING SCIENCE

REGISTRATIONS

REGISTERED ARCHITECT IN MA (NO. 50513)

MCPPO CERTIFIED

AFFILIATIONS

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS (AIA)

BOSTON SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, REVOLUTIONARY SPACES

PRESERVATION OFFICER, OLD SOUTH MEETING HOUSE, REVOLUTIONARY SPACES

FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEMBER, REVOLUTIONARY SPACES

ASSOCIATION FOR PRESERVATION TECHNOLOGY, NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER (APTNE), FORMER BOARD MEMBER

Christopher Lane is a critical leader on nearly all of Finegold Alexander's work involving complex preservation and fast track schedules for cultural and institutional, higher education, and private development clients. He is an expert in historic preservation and adaptive use. His knowledge of construction methods and materials for blending existing and historic building fabric with new construction elements has ensured the firm's success in developing innovative approaches for complex programming and architectural design solutions. Christopher also leads the firm's internal Quality Control Group and has developed robust protocols and processes which have been essential to delivering projects on time on budget.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

CULTURAL, INSTITUTIONAL & CIVIC

BOSTON OPERA HOUSE | BOSTON, MA

HISTORIC NEW ENGLAND, LANG BUILDING, CLIMATE CONTROLLED ARCHIVE | HAVERHILL, MA

HISTORIC NEW ENGLAND, LANG BUILDING, EXTERIOR RESTORATION | HAVERHILL, MA

MOHAWK THEATER + PERFORMING ARTS CENTER | NORTH ADAMS, MA

TEMPLE EMANUEL OF NORTH JERSEY | FRANKLIN LAKES, NJ

THE FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, THE MOTHER CHURCH RENOVATION | BOSTON, MA

THE MOTHER CHURCH INTERIOR REFRESH & UPGRADES | BOSTON, MA

CIVIC

BOSTON CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER RENOVATION | BOSTON, MA

THE MUNICIPAL GROUP | SPRINGFIELD, MA

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, INMAN SQUARE FIREHOUSE, FACADE RESTORATION | CAMBRIDGE, MA

HINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY | HINGHAM, MA

MILTON PUBLIC LIBRARY FEASIBILITY STUDY | MILTON, MA

NEWBURYPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY | NEWBURYPORT, MA

WALPOLE PUBLIC LIBRARY | WALPOLE, MA

CHRISTOPHER P. LANE AIA, MCPPO

Principal | Architect

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

2021 BSA EXISTING BUILDINGS SERIES, EDUCATION FACILITIES: ELIOT INNOVATION SCHOOL – SPEAKER

2019 BOSTON DESIGN WEEK, PRESERVING A LOCAL AND GLOBAL TREASURE, THE FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST TOUR SPEAKER

2015 ABX, ELIOT UPPER INNOVATION SCHOOL TOUR SPEAKER

2011 BSA HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMITTEE, NEW PIPES FOR HARVARD'S MEMORIAL CHURCH

2011 ACOUSTICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA GREAT BOSTON CHAPTER - MEMORIAL CHURCH AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY/OPUS 139 PIPE ORGAN TOUR SPEAKER

PUBLICATIONS

2021 HIGH PROFILE "TWO SCHOOLS, TWO APPROACHES TO TRANSFORMING EXISTING BUILDINGS"

HIGHER EDUCATION

BOSTON UNIVERSITY | BOSTON, MA

KILACHAND HALL, ADDITION AND RENOVATION

LEED GOLD TARGET

THE DAHOD FAMILY ALUMNI CENTER AT THE CASTLE

LEED GOLD CERTIFIED

HARVARD BUSINESS SCHOOL, BAKER LIBRARY | BOSTON, MA

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL | CAMBRIDGE, MA

HARKNESS COMMON

POUND HALL

LANGDELL/AREEDA HALL

HARVARD MEMORIAL CHURCH, APPLETON CHAPEL RENOVATION | CAMBRIDGE, MA

HARVARD UNIVERSITY | CAMBRIDGE, MA

AGASSIZ HOUSE

CRONKHITE GRADUATE CENTER

MASSACHUSETTS HALL

UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, CONGREVE HALL | DURHAM, NH

K-12 EDUCATION

ADVANCED MATH AND SCIENCE ACADEMY NEW CLASSROOM AND SCIENCE LAB BUILDING | MARLBOROUGH, MA

BERKSHIRE SCHOOL | SHEFFIELD, MA

BERKSHIRE HALL

FACULTY CENTER

FINE ARTS BUILDING

GEIER LIBRARY

BROOKLINE HIGH SCHOOL | BROOKLINE, MA

CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL | LAWRENCE, MA

FACULTY CENTER

WELLNESS AND INNOVATION CENTER

CRANSTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT | CRANSTON, RI

CRANSTON HIGH SCHOOL WEST SERVERY RENOVATION

GLADSTONE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

ELIOT INNOVATION SCHOOL, BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS | BOSTON, MA

173 SALEM STREET

585 COMMERCIAL STREET

LEICESTER MIDDLE SCHOOL FEASIBILITY STUDY | LEICESTER, MA

MILTON ACADEMY, CAROLINE SALTONSTALL BUILDING | MILTON, MA

CHRISTOPHER P. LANE AIA, MCPPO

Principal | Architect

THE COMMUNITY GROUP | LAWRENCE, MA

NEW ACADEMIC BUILDING

THE EARLY LEARNING CENTER AT THE SHURTLEFF SCHOOL | CHELSEA, MA

DEVELOPMENT

BROMLEY PARK AND HEATH STREET HOUSING | BOSTON, MA

CHARLESTOWN NAVY YARD, PARRIS LANDING | CHARLESTOWN, MA

CABLE MILL RESIDENCES, 160 WATER STREET | WILLIAMSTOWN, MA

LAWRENCE COURT | BOSTON, MA

OLD SALEM JAIL RESIDENCES, 50 SAINT PETER STREET | SALEM, MA

TWO ATLANTIC AVENUE AT LEWIS WHARF | BOSTON, MA

WORCESTER NORTH MAIN DEVELOPMENT | WORCESTER, MA



MEMO

TO: Nicholas Cracknell, Director of Community and Economic Development

FROM: Amesbury Historical Commission

RE: AHC Representation on Design Review Committee

July 15, 2025

At their regularly scheduled meeting on July 10, 2025 the Amesbury Historical Commission recommended that Christopher Lane be appointed to represent the commission on the City's Design Review Committee.

Historically, the DRC membership stipulated the inclusion of an AHC member, the commission recommends the body reinstitute that practice.

This recommendation is made to support cohesion between government bodies, streamline applications for the Historic Preservation Special Permit and ensure that the interests of the Amesbury Historical Commission to preserve and protect the community's architectural and cultural heritage are represented.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Finn, Chair, Amesbury Historical Commission



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MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MARCH 11, 1997

At a meeting of the Amesbury Municipal Council of the Town of Amesbury duly called and held March 11, 1997 at the Amesbury High School Library, of which was duly given by posting as required by law and bylaws of the Town of Amesbury the following members present, President Albert B. Sears, Jr., Vice President Joseph E. Faro, Member at Large, Thomas K. Iacobucci, Leonard W. Johnson, Jr., District One, Debra P. Dow, District Two, William J. Croteau, Jr., District Three, James H. Leslie, District Four, George N. Roy, District Five, Alice S. Mainville, District Six the following action was voted:

1. DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE

Policy: Establish a Design Review Committee, DRC, to advise on issues of appearance and aesthetics within projects subject to site plan review. Further, the DRC will review plans for cluster residential developments, public buildings, and commercial developments and evaluate these plans for compliance with the goals and policies outlined under Section XI.C.

1. Purpose & Intent (Existing Section XI.C.1-2)

2. Design Review Committee (Insert into Section X as M.) In accordance with the provision of Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws, a Design Review Committee (DRC) is hereby established. The DRC shall review applications subject to the provisions of Sections VII and XI.C. further, the DRC shall make recommendations to the Planning Board concerning the conformance of the proposed project to the development and performance standards contained in Section XI.C.

The DRC shall consist of three (3) full members and two (2) associates. Of the three full members, two are required to be registered architects, landscape architects, or persons with equivalent professional training, and one member from the local business community. The two alternates must also be persons with equivalent professional training and will be appointed to two year terms such that the term of one (1) associate member shall expires each year. All appointments to the DRC shall be made jointly by the Mayor's Office & Planning Board and ratified by the Municipal Council. Additionally, the terms of all full members of the DRC shall be three years, except that when the DRC is originally established, the Municipal Council shall make one of their appointments for a one year term, one two year and the remaining appointment for a three year term.

3. Reviewable Projects for Design Review (Insert into Section XI.C.3.c.)

All projects which are either listed as "Site Plan Required" under the Table of Use Regulations, Section V.D., or a sign application is submitted to the Planning Board shall be reviewed by the Design Review Committee and shall be subject to the design standards contained within the Site Plan Review, SPR, (Section XI.C) and the Sign Bylaws (Section VII). All applicants are encouraged to contact the DRC within a pre-application hearing for SPR.

4. Design Review Standards (Existing Section XI.C.7&8)

The DRC shall consider, the standards contained in Section XI.c7&8. which will be evaluated within the course of the design review of a proposed project. The following list outlines, at a minimum, standards in the course of design review for the proposed project.

Development and Performance Standards(Existing Section XI.C.8)

1. Access and traffic impacts
2. Parking
3. Landscaping
4. Site plan and architectural design
5. Lighting
6. Noise
7. Utilities
8. Roadways and sidewalks
9. Marina or docking facilities

5. Other amendments:

a) Section XI.C.4.c states "Application for Site Plan shall be submitted to the Planning Board...and ten (10) copies of the site plan and all support material".

Insert: "Application for Site Plan shall be submitted to the Planning Board... and one (1) original and ten (10) copies of the site plan and all support material".

b) Section XI.C.4.c.3. states "Within seven (7) days of receipt of a complete application, the Planning Board shall transmit a copy to the Engineering Department, Board of health, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Office Administrator, Fire Department, Department of Public Works, Police Department, Conservation Commission and Planning Consultant(s)".

Insert: "Within seven (7) days of receipt of a complete application, the Planning Board shall transmit a copy to the Design Review Committee, Engineering Department, Board of Health, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Administrator, Fire Department, Department of Public Works, Police Department, Conservation Commission, Town Planner and Town Clerk.

c) Section XI.C.6.e states "The elevations shall be prepared by a registered engineer or architect who shall sign the plan and place his seal upon it".

Insert: "The elevations shall be prepared by a registered architect who shall sign the plan and place his/her seal upon it".

Motion by Thomas Iacobucci, seconded by Debra Dow for adoption and to amend: 2. Design Review Committee to include (1) member of the Historical Commission be appointed as an associate member.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the vote taken at the meeting held by the Amesbury Municipal Council, March 11, 1997 and also the action taken on same.

Witness my hand and Seal of the Town of Amesbury this day of

Town Clerk

