



TOWN OF DANVERS
DANVERS HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
SALEM VILLAGE HISTORIC DISTRICT

**Policy Statement Regarding Replacement Windows
In the Salem Village Historic District**

At an open, regular meeting of the Danvers Historic District Commission held on October 24, 2005, the members of the Commission discussed what should be the Commission's policy as regards replacement windows within the Salem Village Historic District of Danvers. The Commission unanimously adopted the following statement:

It has consistently been the policy of this Commission to disallow the installing of replacement windows in any architecturally or historically significant or in any pre-1950 structure within the Salem Village Historic District in which the material or design is other than that which would match the structure's original windows. In the event that an applicant requests the changing of windows within a structure, the requested replacement window should match as closely as possible the design and materials of the original structure's windows as obtained by research or in replication of a similar style of restored or original windows on houses already within the district dating to the same era. In most cases of 19th century structures, such replacement should be a replacement with wooden, true light divided windows, often with 6/6 panes and of a muntin profile typical for the 19th century. As per the Historic District By-law, storm windows are outside the purview of the Commission.

Upon careful reflection as to the purpose of the Historic District By-law and the understanding that the District should reflect the preserving of all features typical to their era, the Commission recommends to all residents and to future members of the Commission that this policy as regards replacement windows should be consistently followed.