



TOWN OF DANVERS
DANVERS HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
SALEM VILLAGE HISTORIC DISTRICT

**Policy Statement Regarding Siding
In the Salem Village Historic District**

At an open, regular meeting of the Danvers Historic District Commission held on November 10, 1997, the members of the Commission discussed what should be the Commission's policy as regards the use of non-original siding applied to structures 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 residing of any architecturally or historically significant, or any pre-1950 structure within the Salem Village Historic District with any material (including brick, asbestos, wood shingles, aluminum and vinyl) other than that which matches the structure's original siding. Though the Commission had on rare occasions during its first years of creation allowed vinyl siding to be applied to post-1900, and more specifically post-World War II buildings under certain restrictions and requests, it did so reluctantly.

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 replacement exterior siding only be used and allowed which replicates the texture, size and material matching that of the original structure.

(Siding 1997)