**Charles Sullivan** has served as Executive Director of the Cambridge (Massachusetts) Historical Commission since 1974. He graduated from Dartmouth College with a B.A. in geography in 1965 and received a master's degree in city planning from the Harvard Graduate School of Design in 1970.

The Cambridge Historical Commission has been the city's historic preservation agency since 1963. CHC staff administer six districts and about 60 individually-protected proper-ties, protecting about 20% of the city's buildings. The Commission maintains files on all 13,000 buildings in the city and important collections relating to its economic and social development. A Preservation Grant program established in 1975 has disbursed about $7 million over the last twelve years, supporting affordable housing rehabilitation and securing the envelopes of over fifty significant churches and other buildings. Publications include the five-volume Survey of Architectural History in Cambridge (1964-77), five oral histories (1997-2015), and two fully researched neighborhood histories published by The MIT Press in 1988 and 2016.

Mr. Sullivan has overseen the expansion of the city's historic districts, secured designation of landmarks and neighborhood conservation districts, and gained citywide jurisdiction over demolition of buildings more than fifty years old. Through the National Register of Historic Places, he has helped establish a role for historic preservation in Cambridge's planning and zoning activities as well as in the city's relations with Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Mr. Sullivan is the co-author of A Photographic History of Cambridge (1984), Maintaining Your Old House in Cambridge (1988), and Building Old Cambridge: Architecture and Development (2016). He is a member of the Massachusetts Historical Commission and a fellow of the Massachusetts Historical Society. He is a former president of the Cambridge Historical Society and a former trustee of Historic New England.

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