Meeting Minutes 4/3/13

Bolton Historical Commission

Attending: Remington, A. Coggeshall, L. Engelmann, M. McKee

Potential new member: Robert Busch; Guest: Pat Bensetler

Meeting called to order at 6:10 pm

1. Minutes: Minutes of 3/20/13 were reviewed and approved with corrections.

2. Updates/Public comment:

- Alice reported that the schedule for the 275th anniversary of Bolton is being finalized.
- Linda has written a summary of the site visit to 715 Great Road with Granite State Movers. They feel that it would be quite feasible to move the building to the present site of the small cottage at 723 Main St. on the other side of the Smith property. Plans will be discussed at a selectman's meeting on 4/11.
- The Commission reviewed with Pat Bensetler the final version of the addendum to information on 674 Great Road, to be added to the survey of historic buildings.
- Florence Sawyer School playground: The Commission discussed the plan to demolish the old playground and replace it with wood chip mulch and tables. The Commission feels that that treatment would be inappropriate for a site adjacent to an historic area (Mechanic St. extension/William Sawyer farm). We will try to get a plan of the proposed work and may wish to add our opinion to discussion of the project.
- Houghton Building: The Commission discussed having a presentation on the Houghton Building at Town Meeting. We favor having the building prepped and painted rather than re-sided. The present siding is in overall good condition. New fiber-cement siding would not appear to reduce future maintenance significantly. Any presentation at ATM should be brief and not use Power Point. Bob Busch will write up a sample sheet.
- Fyfeshire dam: Martha reported on the meeting of the Planning Board on the plans for rebuilding the Fyfeshire dam. One issue is the life of the proposed "mat" that would be laid down (articulated cement block). There was discussion of the appearance of various materials, vegetation, etc. We have asked that all rocks at the site be kept there. The MHC has agreed that the work will not affect any historic sites. A letter has been received from the Dept. of Dam Safety saying that, given current plans, it is likely that the dam would pass out of state jurisdiction.
- Linda has contacted George Ellis of Gary Sylvester's Building Movers and Excavators in Falmouth, MA. He will plan to come up to Bolton sometime next week to give us an estimate for moving 715 Main St. The Conservation Trust has been notified.
- Linda submitted a budget sheet for \$83.77

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm. Next scheduled meeting 4/17/13 Respectfully submitted, Alice Coggeshall