Charlton Historic District Commission

Minutes: Regular Monthly Meeting

Place: Charlton Town Hall

Date: March 23, 2010

Attendees: Jim Poirier, Chairman

Julia Hayden, Vice-chairman

Chris Widay, Secretary

Dorothy Mitchell, Member and Deputy Charlton Historian

Laura Linder, Charlton Historian

Absent: Sandy Verola, Charlton Town Board Liaison

Richard Battenhausen, Member

Amanda Lanne

The meeting convened at 7:00pm.

Jim received a letter requesting information on the Raymond Tannery. Laura and Dot will research and respond.

Nick Hamm, the graphics designer, provided a digital copy of the walking tour. This will be emailed to John Kelly so that a link can be created on the website. A gift certificate to the Charlton Tavern was obtained to thank Nick for his generosity.

The walking tour will be available for 2010. If possible, four structures will be added. These updates must be complete by mid August, in order to be incorporated by September 18th & 19th.

Art Fowler, resident of the Historic District, is interested in small gardens, restoring barns and possibly having a farm stand to sell garlic. He is requesting guidance. The HDC will research grant monies available, residential restrictions on farm stands, etc. and Kate Johns' input regarding the barns and/or farm stand structure.

On May 19th, the HDC shall sponsor, in conjunction with the Charlton Historical Society and the Town of Ballston, a presentation on Architectural Homes at the Ballston Town Hall.

The Desmond Barn was featured in a John Deere Calendar. Julia will contact Janet Desmond to obtain a record copy.

Fuji has considered stepping down as a Commission Member. Art Fowler is a possible replacement.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday June 16, 2010, at 7:00pm (the third Wednesday of the month). The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

By Christine A. Widay

Action Items:

- Submit draft re-survey information to SHPO for review.
- Add House Letters to the website.
- Develop a list of potential resources for homeowners to contact for work on their homes.
- Develop a Charlton Survival Guide for new residents.
- Develop a "list server" interactive forum for information exchange.