



Minutes of the Historical Commission Deerfield, MA.

Town Offices
June 29, 2009

Members present: Henrietta Kocut, Chair, Helen Petrovic, Edie Lipp, Clerk
Absent: Pat Karkut

This special meeting of the Deerfield Historical Commission was called to order at 5:25 P.M. by Chair, Henrietta Kocut. The focus of this meeting was to determine the feasibility of applying for a DCR Historical Landscape Preservation grant, based on information Edie Lipp had gathered at a DCR information meeting on June 25th. The deadline for grant applications would be July 17th, and it seemed unlikely that we could put together all the application data – including a list of endangered sites in Deerfield, letters of support from town officers and appropriate committees, and the application form itself – and also find a project coordinator in such a short amount of time. Still, we thought it was worth discussion.

Several names were mentioned as possible project coordinators, including Betty Hollingsworth, Lucy Melnick, Stanley Stokarski, Mary Scoville, Irene Redman, and Sue Brandt. It was the consensus to have Henrietta Kocut contact Bette Schmitt and Paul Olszewski since they both have qualities crucial in a project coordinator, the ability to energetically lead a meeting of Deerfield citizens interested in these preservation efforts.

The following sites were brainstormed as at-danger sites in Deerfield:

- The Elm Street landscape, including Hotel Warren
- Sprouts Crossing bridge
- North and South Main Streets in the CVD (Center Village District), including Bloody Brook Monument and St. James Church (originally Monument Church)
- Sugarloaf Street, including the Sugarloaf Cemetary and Bill Gass bungalow houses
- Sue Brandt's house on Hillside Road – site of an old ice house
- Depot Hill Railroad bridge
- River Road Railroad bridge

This list is not in any order of priority. Prioritizing will happen if we find a project coordinator and proceed with the application. If the project proceeds, we will present information to the Select Board at their meeting on July 8th.

Henrietta Kocut made a motion to adjourn at 6:45 P.M.. Helen Petrovic seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Edie Lipp, Clerk
Deerfield Historical Commission