

Deerfield Historical Commission

Minutes – April 12, 2010

1. The meeting commenced at 5:40 pm. All members were present, except for the Chair, Henrietta Kocot. Marilyn McArthur chaired the meeting in Ms. Kocot's absence.
2. The minutes from the March and April meetings were reviewed and unanimously approved.
3. It was noted that the Commission now has a general budget of \$1800.00 effective July 1, 2010.
4. The Commission would like to extend its thanks to Edith Lipp for her services as the Commission's clerk.
5. Ms. McArthur, the Historical Commissions representative on the CPC stated that the CPC will not move forward on the Preservation Plan until after the town hall meeting. It was recommended that everyone review the Preservation Plan for the May meeting.
6. Jane Trigere met with the Public Historical Program Manager at UMass, David Glassberg. She stated that he was interested in what we do and wanted to know if we needed people. We need to start a draft of what we are to do.
7. Jane Trigere will be doing the presentation at the town meeting. Jane initiated this project approximately 4 years ago when she noticed that the cemetery was in dire need of repair. There was some discussion on the cemetery preservation program. The question was asked if there are plans for the fence. Not at the current time. However, it was recommended that pictures of the fence be taken and possibly incorporated into the discussion of the cemetery restoration. The focus is now on the preserving stones. Not only is this an historical issue, but is also a safety issue. The preliminary application to the CPC passed at the town meeting.
8. Pat is going to check with other towns and see how their historical commissions work with the CPC.
9. It was mentioned that the Pioneer Valley History network has conferences which sometimes have excellent topics.
10. There was some discussion on working with teens after school funded programs. It is something to look into.
11. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2010 at 6:00 pm.