

DEERFIELD HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Minutes

October 4, 2011

Meeting began at 5:50 pm

Present: Henrietta Kocot, Jane Trigere, Marilyn McArthur

Absent: Pat Potter, Pam Hodgkins

Guest: Ken Schoen

Minutes of September 13 reviewed and accepted

Correspondence. Notice of a special town meeting that occurred September 28. Marilyn attended and reported on it. Also, October is Massachusetts Archaeology month.

CPC cemetery work update

Kai has sent the Preservation Master Plan for North Wisdom Cemetery.

Kai has issued a proposal: Bloody Brook monument: fill in the cracks; hand cleaning; lift rental. Lathrop stone: clean, adhesive repair and reset above ground at an angle. We discussed, and decided to instruct Kai to remove the Bloody Brook monument plexiglass and re-paint the inscription with special black paint and sealer.

There are some unresolved issues about Deerfield's cemeteries and monuments. For example, who owns the Barnard monument on Mill Village Road? The Allen monument on Stillwater road is owned by PVMA, but cared for by the Allen family. Are the monuments on Pine Hill graves? Who is responsible for them? There are also many monuments in Old Deerfield that we have not considered.

Regarding Laurel Hill, Jane has been in correspondence with the clerk of the Laurel Hill cemetery association, Mary Marsh. Jane will follow up with president Richard Wilby.

We discussed the idea of a new CPC proposal for a Deerfield cemetery/monument map/self-guided tour – work for that would clear up such issues.

Jane will start the RFP for work on the two West Deerfield cemeteries. Bidders should see the cemeteries before the snow flies.

Jane will continue to pursue making an FCAT film of Kai repairing the Bloody Brook monument and the Lathrop stone.

YR 3 application(s) to include: "Category One" stone repairs around town; map/tour of cemeteries and monuments; structural assessment of senior center

Finally, we noted our on-going “wish list” goals: repair Sugarloaf Street cemetery fence; save the old grammar school (senior center) if possible; move towards a S. Deerfield historic district, which includes building survey; restore elm trees to Elm Street with power lines beneath ground and restored greenspace; interactive web feature for citizen input on history of buildings.

Adjourned 7 pm