

Deerfield Historical Commission

Draft Minutes

November 15, 2011

Meeting began at 5:45 pm

Present: Henrietta Kocot, Pat Potter, Jane Trigere, Marilyn McArthur

Minutes of October 25 accepted

Correspondence

The town administrator has made the commission a CD of scanned pages of Al Dray's historical research.

CPA progress report

The draft RFP for this year's work has been passed to the town administrator, who will now send it to town counsel. Then it must be approved by the select board at their next meeting (Dec.7). Bidding is done online. We have one more time to review it before it is posted.

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Marilyn will see about submitting a letter of intent, for funds to begin a survey of S. Deerfield.

Pat will get us certain maps to help with the survey from Sarah Woodbury at Tilton Library

Help with the survey is available from students in the UMass public history masters' program. When the time comes, we will investigate the possibilities.

New Business

Jane attended the annual meeting of the Laurel Hill Cemetery association on Nov. 14. This active town cemetery dates to 1800. The association, formed in 1919, provides perpetual care. The existence of the association has led to the cemetery being erroneously regarded as private, and it has received very little town care over the years. Richard Wilby is president, Mark Russo treasurer, Mary Marsh secretary. Tree removal and monument repair are urgently needed. No decisions have been made yet as to who will proceed, or how, with needed major care.

Jane invited an interested person from the S. Deerfield women's club to join the commission. Our 5:30 pm meeting time seems to be an obstacle to new membership for working people.

Next meeting Dec. 13.

Adjourned 7 pm.