

Deerfield Historical Commission

Draft Minutes

August 10, 2011

Meeting began at 6 pm

Present: Henrietta Kocot, Jane Trigere, Marilyn McArthur

Absent: Pam Hodgkins, Pat Potter

Guest: Ken Schoen

Minutes of July 12 corrected and accepted

Treasurers Report None. With multiple contracts running with CPA funds, we are feeling the need for a monthly treasurer's report.

Correspondence

Bulletin of the Mass. Dept. of Conservation and Recreation

Cemetery work

Kai will come in September, to complete this year's survey work.

We discussed public relations ideas for the cemetery project, various things we could possibly do. But we reminded ourselves that *we are not a programming committee*.

We will postpone the poster idea. Henrietta will tell Jack Cavacco the idea is on hold.

We will not do any programming with Tilton Library – Tilton has a program plan for the year already.

Nonetheless, PR we can do: Newspapers; an FCAT program; an FCAT interview with Kai about the stones. Jane is becoming skilled in FCAT production and will take the lead on such PR work. We should consider who can be the authorities (knowledgeable public historians) in any programming. Marilyn suggested Prof. Kevin Sweeney of Amherst College, who speaks frequently about Deerfield, and wrote a book about the 1704 raid. Are there other local experts to consider?

Cemetery work still to be done

A "final product" tour with Kai? (choose "watch this stone" stones).

(Henrietta will check if our camera needs to live in town hall)

Still to research – fence for Sugarloaf Street cemetery

Settle the matter: is Laurel Hill a town-owned cemetery? Jane will check with assessor's office.

Settle the matter: what to do about the Howes cemetery on the Neitsche house lot?

Monuments to be surveyed: Bar's Fight stone on Stillwater Rd; markers at Pine Hill

Reminder: Circuit rider Michele Barker from Preservation Mass will visit our September meeting, (9/16). Things to consider with Michele:

- Old school/senior center: do CPA application for immediate repairs? A building assessment? (Henrietta will ask her mother what they called the school)

- a South Deerfield National Historic district? Michele will explain what is entailed, and what, if any, restrictions apply. (A *National* historic district has FEWER regulations than a state one.)
- An historic register listing for Bloody Brook monument?
- Signage recommendations for Deerfield's villages
- Mahican Trail repair. Is that historic or open space? Marilyn will try to find out who the citizen neighbor was who came to a CPC meeting with that request.

Miscellaneous

Jane returned binder of historic photos, having scanned the photos at FCAT.

Glassed-in bookcase for the conference room: Bernie recommends getting help from FCTS (Franklin County Technical School)

Guest ken Schoen will apply to be on the commission, with our approbation.

Oral histories - Edie has done one with Helen Petriovik; Elm Farm bakery, now gone; Ken to do interviews at the senior center?

Historic building "Form b" forms with photos, for old South Deerfield houses

Future CPA thoughts

A pocket park to restore green space at the South Deerfield common. Can overhead wires be put underground?

Next meeting: Tuesday Sept. 13 at 5:30 pm

Meeting adjourned 7:30 pm