

Deerfield Historical Commission

October 1, 2012 Minutes

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Chairman: Henrietta Kocot

Clerk: Kenneth Schoen

Scenic Byways Liaison: John Nove

Cemetery Restoration sub-committee head: Jane Trigère

Historic Inventory sub-committee head: Marilyn McArthur

Representative to the Community Preservation Committee: Marilyn McArthur

Current Term Dates

Henrietta Kocot 7/1/12 – 6/30/13

Betty Hollingsworth 7/1/12 – 6/30/14

John Nove 7/1/12 – 6/30/14

Marilyn McArthur 7/1/12 – 6/30/15

Kenneth Schoen 7/1/12 – 6/30/15

Jane Trigère 7/1/12 – 6/30/15

Present:

Betty Hollingsworth, Henrietta Kocot, Marilyn McArthur, John Nove, Ken Schoen, and Jane Trigère

Agenda

Review September minutes

Old Business

Project Updates

South Deerfield Inventory & Town Account's fiscal reports - Marilyn

Cemeteries & Old Grammar School - Jane

Street Scape & Bookcases , Trees & Hedges funds, Vault & Bookcases

New Business

Other DHC projects for members:

Maps, Signage for cemeteries & neighborhoods, Oral History Tapes

Review Old Minutes

The minutes of Sept 10, 2012 were approved as amended.

Correspondence

Information was received concerning the Mass. Survey and Planning Cycle from the Secretary of State. Half of the cost of the survey will be carried by the Town and half by the State. The discussion was tabled for next year when we will apply for the grant.

Old Business

1. South Deerfield Inventory

A letter has gone out inviting 100 property owners living within the Center of South Deerfield.

Six to seven replies have been received. Questions via a form will be given to property owners concerning their property for the Documentation. A quarterly report has been prepared for the Selectmen.

2. Town Account's fiscal reports

Nothing to report.

3. Cemeteries

Although Kai Nalenz was instructed to proceed, due to a death in his family, Kai will begin work on the two West Deerfield cemeteries in the Spring.

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Three graduate students from the Public History Program at UMass. came and toured the Sugarloaf Street Cemetery and will begin work on October 5th. Students had asked to find out if there were any plot maps. Jane checked with Mary Stokarski, the Town Clerk and although they found plot maps for other cemeteries there were none for Sugarloaf. Jane will have a copy of Kai's CD of his completed work on Sugarloaf St Cemetery copied for the students. The draft of the application for further cemetery work has been put on hold.

To truly complete the work at Sugarloaf, we may make an application for CPC funding for a fence and signage in FY 2014.

Old Grammar School

As of September 30th the contract has been finally sent to Bill Devlin. He and his lawyer will review.

4. Other Projects

Bookcases:

The doors are being installed. They will be delivered in two weeks.

Trees & Hedges funds:

The DHC request that the Highway Department inform us before they do cemetery fence repair and installation.

Vault: Reminder: appointment with Mary Stokarski on Oct 3 at 1:15 pm tour of the vault in the Senior Center.

New Business

- Other DHC projects: Maps, Signage for cemeteries & neighborhoods, Oral History Tapes
John will see what other towns have done and how signs are written.
- Oral history tapes of residents of South Deerfield do exist. Shirley needs to be asked if she knows where the Wrisley tapes are.
- Betty reported that old records of the Deerfield Veterans' Street Sign Project of all Wars will be online soon.
- The DHC recommends that, at the earliest opportunity, the CPC assertively find ways to
 - 1) educate the community about the CPC and funding possibilities
 - 2) encourage the committees and residents to work together and
 - 3) participate in public discussions about the use of recreational and green space.

The next meeting will be Monday, November 5, 2012 at 5:30pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by Ken Schoen, clerk