

Deerfield Historical Commission

November 5, 2012 Minutes

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Chairman: Henrietta Kocot

Cemetery Restoration sub-committee head: Jane Trigère

Clerk: Kenneth Schoen

Historic Inventory sub-committee head: Marilyn McArthur

Betty Hollingsworth

Scenic Byways Liaison: John Nove

Representative to the Community Preservation Committee: Marilyn McArthur

Current Term Dates

Henrietta Kocot 7/1/12 – 6/30/13

Marilyn McArthur 7/1/12 – 6/30/15

Betty Hollingsworth 7/1/12 – 6/30/14

Kenneth Schoen 7/1/12 – 6/30/15

John Nove 7/1/12 – 6/30/14

Jane Trigère 7/1/12 – 6/30/15

Present:

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

Agenda

Review October minutes

Correspondence

Old Business

Project Updates

Scenic Byways

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

Cemeteries & Old Grammar School - Jane

Vault

Bookcases

New Business

Review Old Minutes

The minutes of Oct 1, 2012 were approved as amended.

Correspondence

Letter from John Fitzpatrick concerning 1704 Massacre burial ground is tabled for discussion at our next meeting.

CPA Budget Report was reviewed.

Fiscal report from Town Accountant was received; we have \$1,804 in our budget.

Old Business

Scenic Byways

John reported that the Route 116 Project does not yet have a master plan and is awaiting the historical resources plan. The Five Historic Byways are being marked as a group and each has its own distinctive identity. The logo for Rt 116 is a airstream-like camper pulled by a car.

Signage for our cemeteries

John reported that there is not much signage in local towns but that the state parks have signage. He showed some examples of State signs all of which are paper embedded in fiber glass and a draft of a potential design for us to consider. The sign would contain a photo, some text and credit for the project. We will consult with the Association of Gravestone Studies in Greenfield concerning contents. We will apply to CPC for funding. John will bring to the next meeting costs of materials and images cemetery signage from other towns. We will also include a sign for Bloody Brook Monument to bring

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attention to the site. The signage grant can be connected with the proposal for the fence for the Sugarloaf Cemetery. Jane will prepare some fence proposals for the next meeting.

South Deerfield Inventory Project

Marilyn reported on the public meeting held at the CISA office on October 25th. Eight neighbors came and joined Shirley and Marilyn in discussing their homes and some of the history. Marilyn is considering asking Max Page for an intern from Public History to assist in this project next semester. Marilyn is particularly interested in the circa 1913 bungalow houses that Bill Gass Sr. constructed all around town. They were based on the Sears pattern house and strikingly modern for the time. Shirley's public hours are Tuesdays 9-12 at the CISA building at 1 Sugarloaf Street.

Old Grammar School

Jane reported that Bill Devlin is in the process of reviewing and approving his contract.

New Business

Cemeteries

Jane requested help in determining what to focus on next and in what order. She has to produce 2 documents for 2 different purposes: 1) a new CPC application (for what project?) and 2) an RFP for the Assessment of the Old Albany Road Cemetery and the repairs on 1-5 stones in each remaining cemeteries which has already been funded by the CPC. (Bidders will need good weather to respond to this RFP). We are behind schedule on the cemetery work for a variety of reasons. Does she write the RFP now or in the spring? All agreed that the RFP should wait until the spring 2013. We have to catch up on the West Deerfield cemetery work that is scheduled by Kai for the spring of 2013.

Having the estimate cost of work on the Old Albany Rd Cemetery (from the RFP above), we can, next fall 2013, then go back to the CPC for funding of the actual work on that cemetery.

We considered therefore whether we would be applying this February to the CPC for any project. We agreed to compile our research on the Sugarloaf St cemetery fence repair or reconstruction and see if we have enough information and consensus to make that our CPC 2014 application. Jane will bring photos of the old fence on Sugarloaf Street Cemetery.

Commission approved payment for Windows upgrade of the DHC computer.

The Commission notes that the CPC has not met since before the Town Meeting in April and we are concerned about the implications for future applications.

The next meeting will be Monday, Dec 3, 2012 at 5:30pm. (Henrietta will be sending out an email requesting Dec 10th instead)

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm

Respectfully submitted by Ken Schoen, clerk