

**Deerfield Historical Commission****Minutes****Feb 14, 2012**

Meeting began at 6:30 pm

Present: Jane Trigère, Marilyn McArthur and new members Ken Schoen, John Nove

Absent: Henrietta Kocot, Pat Potter

Guests: Betty Hollingsworth, Andrea Reynolds

**Minutes** of January 17, 2012 approved

**Correspondence**

The Massachusetts State Register of Historic Places 2011 arrived; also a letter informing us of MASSDOT intentions to replace a bridge on McClelland Rd in the rail yards. John will go check out the bridge.

**Old Business****Annual Report**

The text of the commission's annual report for 2011 was revised and approved.

Jane provided an update on the commission's request for proposals for restoration of two West Deerfield cemeteries. The commission submitted the RFP to town offices on October 28, 2011. It has not yet been posted publicly. It will be posted by 3/15/12.

Jane contacted Franklin County Technical High School, seeking student help to build storage and display cases for DHC in our town hall.

**New Business****Signage issues**

In connection with the commission's wish to provide roadside signage identifying Deerfield's villages, John examined historic maps at the Tilton library and prepared a list of villages that are named from 1855 forward. The list will be useful as we continue to discuss this topic. List attached\*\*.

John reported on the Old Deerfield historic marker, which was moved ca.1990 by Historic Deerfield from its site on Rt. 5&10 (just north of the north entrance to Old Deerfield) to a location in Old Deerfield village. The original site is now privately owned by a utility company and the village of Old Deerfield is well marked with Historic Deerfield signs. A replacement sign in wood and paper was in disrepair and John will research to remove it. He will write a letter on our behalf to the Selectman (as instructed by DOT (Dept. of Transportation)).

**RT 116 Scenic Byway corridor**

FRCOG (Franklin Regional Council of Governments) informed the commission of its work to create a management plan for the RT 116 Scenic Byway corridor. Ken and John attended a marketing meeting in Northampton in January. John and also Lynn Rose from the Planning Board attended a FRCOG information session on February 7. They will keep the DHC informed.

Ken and Jane met with David Glassberg, the director of the Public History program at UMASS and reported on possible collaborations with the commission, especially connection with a possible inventory of the old buildings in South Deerfield

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### DHC Budget

For the 2013 budget the commission voted to request \$2,475. The town will apply a discount of \$500.

### CPC applications

The commission has unanimously decided to prepare three CPC proposals:

- 1) Priority 1 grave stone repair in various town cemeteries and a comprehensive assessment of the Old Albany Road Burial Ground
- 2) Preparing for a South Deerfield historic district
- 3) Architectural & engineering assessment of the old grammar school.

A special meeting is scheduled for Feb 28, 2012 at 5:30 pm. On the agenda is reviewing and editing the drafts of the three CPC applications.

Submitted by Marilyn McArthur

### **\*\*Attachment** : VILLAGES/DISTRICTS OF DEERFIELD BASED ON OLD MAPS

---1855 map

Cheapside Deerfield (= Old Deerfield)

Wapping, Mill Village, Bars, Village South Deerfield

West Deerfield

---1858 map

Deerfield Center (= Old Deerfield)

South Deerfield

Wapping, Mill Village

---1871(Beers) map

Cheapside

Greenfield P.O.

Deerfield Centre P.O.

Mill Village

Wapping

South Deerfield P.O.

---1894 map

(Same as Beers but with West Deerfield added)

---1909 map

Deerfield (= Old Deerfield)

West Deerfield

South Deerfield

East Deerfield

Mill Village, Wapping

---1939 (WPA) map

Old Deerfield

South Deerfield

Mill Village, Wapping, West Deerfield