

Deerfield Historical Commission

Minutes
March 13, 2012

Present: Henrietta Kocot, John Nove, Ken Schoen, Jane Trigère

Absent: Marilyn McArthur, Pat Potter

Guests: Betty Hollingsworth, Emmet Blanchette

Minutes

The minutes of February 14, 2012 were approved as amended. The minutes of February 28, 2012 special meeting were not available. They will be reviewed for approval at the April meeting.

Old Business

CPC applications: Marilyn's email report was read. Our 3 applications all passed the CPC with much discussion. Good recommendations for changes to the South Deerfield historic inventory application were suggested.

Additionally, we reported that we have received many letters of support for our proposals... Tim Neumann from PVMA, Philip Zea from Historic Deerfield, The CFO of Deerfield Academy and many individuals.

FCAT film: The dramatic Lathrop slab restoration was filmed by Jane and needs to be completed for broadcast. Film production has been stalled. We want to add some additional background commentary from Betty. Betty suggested that the Lathrop slab is the oldest military monument in the country. Some discussion about wording and accuracy ensued. To be researched further.

DHC cabinet: The head of the woodworking department at Franklin County Tech HS has not yet responded to Jane's call cabinet storage. Bernie said he will follow up.

Sign on 5/10: Following instruction DOT John requested that a letter be sent by the town Selectman to DOT (Dept. of Transportation) to ask them to remove the disintegrating temporary sign on Rt. 5/10. The original marker had been moved to Historic Deerfield. It was discussed by the Selectmen and they asked our Highway Dept. to contact DOT. Follow-up will be required. The letter is filed.

McClellan Farm Road Bridge: John sent a formal letter from the DHC to DOT with a copy to Green Affiliates (who sent the original request) saying that the reconstruction would not affect any historically significant assets. He noted that the bridge in question already had replaced an earlier covered bridged. The letter is filed.

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New Business

Review of members' tasks:

- Clerk: Marilyn has resigned as clerk of DHC. Ken has assumed the position as of this meeting.
- CPC rep: Marilyn has asked to be replaced as our rep on the. We will work to find a replacement.
- "Treasurer": We need one of our members to be keeping track of our finances and the money outlays made by the town on our behalf. This person would be our liaison with town. We will description added by Jane. To be discussed further at the next meeting.

Annual Town Meeting: Preparation for the annual meeting Monday, April 30, 2012 for town approval of our proposals. Jane, Ken and Marilyn will bring drafts of their presentations to our next meeting on April 10, 2012.

Meeting adjourned at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted by Ken Schoen