

Deerfield Historical Commission

September 15, 2012 Minutes

Chairman: Henrietta Kocot

Cemetery Restoration sub-committee head: Jane Trigère

Clerk: Kenneth Schoen

Historic Inventory sub-committee head: Marilyn McArthur

Bookkeeper: 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 August minutes

New Business

1. *Reorganization of Historic Commission*

2. *Budget report of meeting w/Town Acct & commission. Bookkeeper - regarding budget
Budget reduction article*

3. *Newspaper article*

Old Business

1. *Jane report on Cemetery work*

2. *Marilyn report on Historic Inventory Report*

3. *Henrietta report on Street Scape proposals & bookcases*

Correspondence

Review Old Minutes

The minutes of Aug. 14, 2012 were approved as amended.

Correspondence

Newsletter from AGS

New Business

1. With the full approval of the DHC members, the meeting was temporarily turned over to Betty to deal with the yearly reorganization of the Historic Commission. Henrietta Kocot was nominated again for Chair of the DHC. Ken Schoen was nominated for Secretary. Both were approved unanimously. The position of bookkeeper was removed as per town instructions.

2. Betty reported on meeting with the Town Accountant re the DHC Budget.

It was confirmed that we can spend funds as needed and not necessarily for the allocated items, so long as we do not exceed our budget. We also approved a budget reduction by the town to \$1,975 which reflects the \$500 projected legal expense being Town expense rather than Commission responsibility.

3. A newspaper article on old documents was tabled for discussion at a future meeting.

Old Business

1...Cemeteries

West Deerfield Project

Jane reported that -Bernie Kubiak says we can proceed.

David Glassberg of UMass Public History toured the Sugarloaf Cemetery and drove by the West Deerfield cemeteries with Jane. The students from UMass will 1) conduct a new survey of Sugarloaf St. cemetery, 2) Create maps with GIS of each stone, and 3) all information will be uploaded onto the Deerfield/DHC online site.

Trees and Hedges

Jane asked Sean from Highway Dept. about cutting back the hedges at the Baptist Cemetery in West Deerfield. And showed him a estimate cost from Jim's Tree service for the removal at Sugarloaf St Cemetery of one of the large trees that "sprouted" there. It is not a healthy tree. He said he thought it would be best to lump all the tree work together and that he would be taking care of this. The wood white picket fence at Pine Nook Cemetery was replaced by the Highway Dept. with a plastic fence of the same design.

2. Historic Inventory

Marilyn handed out an inventory list of Shirley's work. They have done very impressive work and the project is moving along well. A letter will be sent to property owners in the catchment area of the Historic Inventory Project and a public information meeting will be held on October 25th at 7 p.m. It will be filmed for public access TV.

3. Street Scape Project

Henrietta reported that Nelson Nygard got the grant and is working with the Cecil Group in Northampton. Jane will see if the proposals done years ago by the Conway School of Landscape Architecture can be located.

4. Historic document archives

We need to secure the site where documents are held and need a lock.

A meeting with Mary Stokarski is planned. (Wed. Oct 3 at 1:15pm)

Someone will call ahead to discuss a lock with her.

5. Bookcases will be arriving in a couple of weeks.

The next meeting will be Monday, October 1, 2012 at 5:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by Ken Schoen, clerk