

Deerfield Historical Commission

December 2, 2013 Minutes

Chairman: John Nove
Clerk: Jane Trigère

Representative to the Community Preservation Committee: Ken Schoen
Cemetery Restoration sub-committee head: Jane Trigère
Historic Resources Inventory sub-committee acting head: Ken Schoen
Liaison to Old Grammar School project: Henrietta Kocot
Keeper of the Books: Bud Driver

Current Term Dates

David (Bud) Driver	7/1/13 – 6/30/16	John Nove	7/1/12 – 6/30/14
Betty Hollingsworth	7/1/12 – 6/30/14	Kenneth Schoen	7/1/12 – 6/30/15
Henrietta Kocot	7/1/13 – 6/30/16	Jane Trigère	7/1/12 – 6/30/15

Present:

Betty Hollingsworth, John Nove, Ken Schoen, Jane Trigère. Henrietta Kocot (late).

Guest: Mark Gilmore

Absent: Bud Driver

Agenda

Clerk's Report: Review November 4th, 2013 meeting minutes (JT)
Keeper of the Books' Report: DHC budget update (BD)
CPA Projects budget update (KS)

Old Business

Updates on the three CPA-funded projects (JT, HC, KS/BH)
Approve donation form (JN)
Update on DHC website development (JT)
Update on the Archaeology Accountability Policy (JN, BD)
Update on Town Hall display space (BD)

New Business

Milk bottle offer
Gathering of Valley Historical Commissions (JN)
Mass. House Bill 744 (JN)
MHC Conference highlights (JT)

The meeting was called to order at 5:37 by John.

Discussion re Archaeology Accountability policy

Minutes: Betty moved to accept the Minutes of Nov 11, 2013 as amended;

Ken seconded and voted 4-0.

Keeper of Books report BD: Bud absent so John reported that there was no activity.

CPA Projects budget update (KS): tabled again.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Updates on the 3 CPA-funded projects (JT, HC, KS/BH)

a. Henrietta's report read by John. Wendy is waiting to hear re Greg Farmer and engineer's schedule to come assess the Old Grammar School. Mark Gilmore adds that the estimate of the mold abatement has been delivered. The work will take place after the formal assessment is done.

b. cemetery work. Wendy said going out this week. Discussion of other cemetery projects. When addressing org. like Deerfield Academy should let the town know what we want to do.

c. Inventory KS reported on Marilyn & Shirl's work. Betty has been visiting them regularly when asked to. Ken will check when we need to apply for matching money from Mass Hist Commission. This task belongs to the DHC, not to the M&S. Ken will report on his finding.

2. Approve donation form (JN) John read the donor form for ephemera.

Donations of objects is another topic for future discussion. Ken moves we accept the inventory donation form to give to the M&S to review and then it will be placed on proper paper, etc.

Seconded by and approved 5-0

-Update on DHC website development (JT) no report

-Update on the Archaeology Accountability Policy (JN, BD)

Confusion re archaeology policy.

Discussion of archeology policy bumped to January meeting Greg Farmer will be consulted.

Also queried was the connection of our arch. Policy to House Bill 744. We got no response from Representatives Kocot & Story. John is contacting all the Historical Commissions who are coming to a local December meeting to express concern to Senator Stan Rosenberg and local reps. Rep. Kulik's office is helping us out. Mark Gilmore expressed support from the town gov. and to move it along sooner rather than later. Bill 477 is being tweaked re some input from Rep. Story's office. We should keep in mind a permanent regional home for local archaeological finds.

-Update on Town Hall display space (BD) tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

-Milk bottle offer Betty's was offered these as a gift. John reports that PVMA is interested in some of the bottles and had not responded to the donor for good reasons. John suggests that we wait until PVMA received them and then give us the ones they don't want. No response to them yet.

-Gathering of Valley Historical Commissions (JN)

First meeting will take place on Monday Dec. 9. They will meet monthly hereafter.

-Mass. House Bill 744 (JN) John wants to write a letter to all the government reps and Senator Rosenberg and to share this letter with chairs of other Historical Commissions. Ken made a motion; Henrietta 2nd ; passed unanimously 5-0

-MHC Conference highlights (JT) tabled

The next regular meeting will be Monday, January 6, 2014 at Town Hall at 5:30 pm.
Jane moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:00; Ken seconded ; Voted 5-0.

John closed the meeting at 7PM pm

Respectfully submitted by Jane Trigère, clerk