

## Deerfield Historical Commission

## January 14, 2013 Minutes

Chairman: Henrietta Kocot  
Clerk: Kenneth Schoen  
Betty Hollingsworth

Cemetery Restoration sub-committee head: Jane Trigère  
Historic Inventory sub-committee head: Marilyn McArthur  
Scenic Byways Liaison: John Nove

Representative to the Community Preservation Committee: Marilyn McArthur

### Current Term Dates

Henrietta Kocot 7/1/12 – 6/30/13  
Betty Hollingsworth 7/1/12 – 6/30/14  
John Nove 7/1/12 – 6/30/14

Marilyn McArthur 7/1/12 – 6/30/15  
Kenneth Schoen 7/1/12 – 6/30/15  
Jane Trigère 7/1/12 – 6/30/15

### Present:

Betty Hollingsworth, Henrietta Kocot, Marilyn McArthur, John Nove, Ken Schoen, and Jane Trigère  
Guests: Bud Driver

### Agenda

*Review December minutes*

Correspondence

Old Business

*John - Info on signage*

*Marilyn - update on inventory project*

*Jane - updates on cemeteries and Old Grammar school, Sugarloaf St Cemetery Fence, and UMass student work*

New Business

Meeting began at 5:40pm

### Review Old Minutes

The minutes of December 10, 2012 were approved as amended. A motion was made by Betty and seconded by Henrietta and carried unanimously.

### Correction

Betty made a motion to correct an error in the September 10, 2012 minutes.

“The Veterans’ Monument located on the South Deerfield Common was dedicated on November 11, 1992. (not April 30, 1990) The monument was erected by the Greenfield Monument Company.” The motion was seconded by John and unanimously approved.

### Old Business

#### Bud reports:

Committee members had been given copies of documents to read concerning archeological work in Deerfield and the preservation Native American artifacts. Also distributed were copies of the general laws of Mass re Historical Commissions, a Dec. 2009 DHC mission statement, etc. Bud reviewed the documents and discussion followed. The Commission agreed that a policy needs to be established by the DHC about these matters. Work will continue. Bud will continue to attend DHC meetings.

Bud reported that he got permission to personally remove the remnants of the old substitute marker on Rt.5-10. For whatever reason, it was not happening as expected and Bud just moved on it.

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Jane reports:

### **Public History**

Reported on the completed work of the UMass Public History grad students' work on the Sugarloaf Cemetery. She showed the materials provided online and in hard copy. She will forward the files to the members and investigate how to get the results of the work on the Deerfield web page. She will write a formal letter thanking Prof. David Glassberg for his students' participation.

### **Sugarloaf Fence**

Jane was not ready with a proposal for the fence design this month.

### **Cemeteries**

Kai Nalenz from Gravestone Services of New England is ready to start work on the West Deerfield cemeteries in April; earlier if weather permits.

Jane presented the payments made to Kai for the work done so far according to the Town records and his version of payments received. There was a discrepancy; Jane will check with the Town treasurer to clarify.

Jane needs to write up an RFP for the last funding received from the CPC for the 1-5 stones in each remaining cemetery and the assessment of the Old Albany Road Cemetery.

### **Old Grammar School assessment**

No progress to report. The contract between the Town and Bill Devlin has not yet been signed. The long delay led to a discussion as to whether we should postpone work until after the Town Manager leaves in June. The Committee voted unanimously to postpone the project, with the caveat that Jane speak to Selectman Mark Gilmore first. Depending on his recommendation we would postpone or proceed.

Marilyn reports:

### **CPC**

Reported that the CPC did not manage to meet in January 2013.

### **Historic Inventory**

She submitted a quarterly hard copy report on Shirley Majewsky's work on the Inventory project.

### **New Business**

Marilyn regretfully announced that she was resigning from the DHC effective after the meeting. Her resignation was accepted and many thanks were extended for all her contributions. She will remain on the Inventory sub-committee to complete that project.

Kayce Warren (Town Manager's office) requested an annual report. It is Feb. 8, 2013.

The next meeting will be Monday, February 4, 2013 at 5:30pm

Motion to adjourn was made by John and seconded by Ken. Meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Ken Schoen, clerk