

Present: Bud Driver, Betty Hollingsworth, Henrietta Kocot, John Nove (chair), Ken Schoen, Jane Trigère.

Guests: Mary Andrianopoulos (possible new member)

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 by John.

Re-organization of the Commission for the 2014-2015 year was the first priority.

Betty became by unanimous vote the chair pro-tem to re-organize the Commission. *Meeting opened by Betty.*

1. Chair. Motion made and seconded to have John Nove continue as DHC chair. Motion voted in unanimously. No other names were proposed so nomination for chairman was closed. John was voted in unanimously.
2. Clerk position was tabled.
3. Representative to the CPC. Motion made and seconded to have Ken Schoen continue as rep to CPC. Motion voted in unanimously. No other names were proposed so nomination was closed. Ken was voted in unanimously.
4. Cemetery Restoration liaison. Motion made and seconded to have Jane Trigere continue as liaison. Motion voted in unanimously. No other names were proposed so nomination was closed. Jane was voted in unanimously.
5. Keeper of the Books. This position was rolled into chairman's position as a more efficient division of labor. Voted in unanimously.

The reorganization meeting was closed by unanimous vote.

Minutes: Minutes of July 7, 2014 reviewed and corrected; Betty moved to accept as amended: Ken seconded and approved unanimously.

Keeper of the Books

\$447 expense reported on our Budget Report (7/23/14)

Purchases last year: scanner, supplies, books, and extra-mural meeting registration

OLD BUSINESS:

Sugarloaf St Cemetery Fence (JT)

Jane reports on delays in getting the language for the Right of Entry document to be mailed to Al Charsky (abutter). Now that Kayce has been appointed to the position of Town Manager things will proceed. Discussion again about whether the DHC or the town officers should be hiring surveyors, etc. As soon as the Right of Entry has been signed, we'll hire a surveyor...and go on from there. It was suggested we hire Hubbard Sterling.

Old Albany Rd. Cemetery Assessment

Jane received an email version of the assessment of the gravestones in the Old Albany Rd Cemetery.

There are 201 markers and monuments in priority 1 level (need immediate preservation work in order to prevent further damage to the stone or other markers. These may pose safety risks to individuals).

There are 108 markers and monuments in priority 2 level (need preservation work within 1-2 years in order to prevent further damage to the stone or other markers. These may also pose safety risks to individuals).

He did this work in July 2014. We have not yet received a report with before and after pictures of the repairs he did on the 8 remaining town cemeteries. Jane will follow up.

We are in contact with Keith Finan, chief financial officer at Deerfield Academy and may request financial assistance with the Old Albany Road Cemetery restoration next year.

DHC Cabinets

Still need 2 panels replaced on cabinets. Bud volunteers to do the work.

Grammar School Report

Henrietta still needs to get this onto the Selectmen's agenda. Ken asked: what are we asking of the Selectmen? The DHC would like, at least, an acknowledgment of receipt of the report. We would also like to hear the Selectmen's preliminary reactions or comments.

Archaeology Update

Bud reported on a meeting he attended at Rep. Kulik's office. UMass lawyers said that UMass archeologists will now require written contracts with the landowners before going onto private property in the Town. Rep. Kulik will contact the MHC to clarify the issue of requiring permits for excavation on private property.

A letter received by the Commission from Dr. Simon said that she would inform archaeologists who obtain a permit to excavate in Deerfield to to contact the DHC re the Accountability Policy.

We will continue to develop a plan for an Indian Affairs Commissioner as approved and voted for the DHC some years ago.

Inventory Project

Ken will get the last quarterly report from Shirley and Marilyn.

Inventory project is still on hold. The plan last year was to try to change the law defining what a historic resource is... something beyond bricks & mortar and paint.

John reported on his conversation with Stuart Saginor, Head of Community Preservation Coalition. The situation varies from town to town. In other towns, the town's legal counsel made the final judgment. In our case, the judgment came from DOR (Dept of Revenue) who controls CPA funds.

Changing the law could cost \$20,000 take 2-3 years and require lots of in-person lobbying. MHC funds planning grants but these require a Town match.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tabled for next meeting:

Activities for the Year Ahead: (sensitivity map, driving tour (with app?)).

National Registration nomination for the Bloody Brook Monument

and Old Grammar School, demolition delay by-law, need for new members

UNFORSEEN MATTERS ARISING

Civil War monument. Serious cracks were discovered by Kai Nalenz. He was originally hired by PVMA to do the repairs. Additional funds will be needed. Tim Neumann will give us their documentation so we can apply to the CPC next cycle because the monument is on Town land.

St. James' Church. Oldest South Deerfield Church (on North Main St.). We should get permission to enter and document the building before any repairs or updates are done.

Book donation. Ken brought old High School yearbooks and town reports from the 60's. John will take the town reports to PVMA. Betty took the HS yearbooks to have them rebound and will donate them to PVMA.

Pipeline proposal. John will get a map of the proposed pipeline route for Bud (as it relates to our sensitivity map).

Our next meeting will be Monday October 6 at 5:30pm.

John closed the meeting at 7:22 pm

Respectfully submitted by Jane Trigère, clerk