

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

Guests: Bridgett Herzog (Historic Deerfield)

The meeting was called to order at 5:20 by John.

Keeper of the Books

No report; no spending as yet

Clerk's Report

Review of the September and October minutes was tabled; the Chair will collect all corrections and forward them to the Clerk. To be approved at the December meeting.

Old Business

Old Grammar School

John sent an email that it will be discussed at the Selectmen's meeting this Wednesday night at around 7:15. All Selectmen have received the report. Greg Farmer will be present to explain his report.

Sugarloaf Cemetery fence

Bud reports. Dan Werner of Shelburne Falls did the survey. The boundary is established. Will coordinate the wood & stone guys. Scheduling the tree work still needs to be done. Kevin at DPW is the current tree warden. Our estimate was from Jim's Tree Service. The Town DPW will take down the old fence.

Town Hall display cabinet

Some bumps along the way. No one had told Kevin at DPW of our prospective work. He is concerned about security. John received Kevin's okay. Now Kayce will move ahead and it will be on the agenda of the Selectmen's meeting this Wednesday. We reviewed the plans done by Robert Callahan of Hillside Woodworking and Tom Sharpe of Deerfield Academy. All labor and materials are donated. We noted that an outlet should be included on the inside of the cabinet for a possible looped slide show.

Dr. Richard Michael Gramly volunteered his time to create all the labels.

St. James' Church documentation

Henrietta checked out the photos of St James Church. Yes it is the church that was moved from the Bloody Brook Monument corner. The Old Monument church (built in 1848) was purchased by the Catholics (St. James Society) from the Methodists in 1871. The building was moved to its present location in 1895 and renamed St. James Church.

Inventory Project

Betty followed through with a letter to Marilyn McArthur, inquiring re the last inventory report. No response received yet.

Why are 10 volumes of photos in the town vault? Irene Holewa was the owner and supplied an inventory.

New Business

Civil War Monument

Deb Blodgett (guide at Historic Deerfield) has taken on the monument in front of Deerfield academy as a project. An identical version was created at the same time for a town in northern Connecticut. It also needed repairs and the person who repaired it came to check this one in Deerfield, as well. Observations by Francis Miller of ConserveArt in CT were read. \$10-40,000 was the estimate needed for repairs.

Our monument has a severe crack that required stopping all work by Kai Nalenz (NE Gravestone Services). Do we cover the monument now and deal with repairs later? Do we remove the soldier from the monument and stored it prevent further damage from the elements? Do we apply for funding from the CPC?

Cemetery evaluation/report; next step(s)

Jane reports. She signed off on Kai Nalenz' bill for the last cemetery CPC funded project (assessment of Old Albany Road Cemetery & repairs to stones in 8 separate cemeteries).

June 7, 2014 Report from Kai was read:

77 markers (including 4 table stones) are priority 1 level needing immediate attention.

102 markers are priority 2 level needing to be repaired within 1-2 years.

1 marker is priority 3 level. It is missing and needs to be replaced.

A full inventory of markers to repair was supplied.

Bidders for this job will get a map and a list of the markers in each category.

John suggests that we find family associations to help fund the repairs. Can we find the family names on the 4 table stones in the Old Albany Rd Cemetery?

Will we be able to request monies from CPC to fund 2 projects this year? The Old Albany Rd cemetery and the Civil War monument.

Bud described changes to the old town road that runs perpendicular to Old Albany Rd. and along the bluff that reaches the cemetery. It has been “disguised” with flag stones to look like a walkway with a park bench rather than the old cart road. This is on Deerfield Academy property.

Upcoming area meetings (demolition delay bylaws; UMass symposium)

Demolition delay: MHC this Wednesday night in Great Barrington.

Historic Preservation from many countries. Free at UMass all day Friday.

MHC Survey & Planning Grant ?

CPC has \$10,000 available for administration funds.

We could apply for \$7,500 from MHC with a match another \$7,500 from local CPC to finish the inventory research.

This breaks down the costs into manageable portions.

John asked Dan Graves chair of CPC. Dan has not responded.

Bud Driver & David Gracie's new book

New book just published: Fall Fight at Turners Fall.

UNFORSEEN MATTERS ARISING

1.Jane presented photos of graffiti on the Sunderland Bridge. Who to see re this? John will check.

2.Bud reports that Elizabeth Chilton was on Chet Yazwinski's property with her students to view the site. The UMass lawyer told her that she was not to go on private property without a UMass written contract with the owners. Bud contacted Rep. Kulik's office today to follow up. We will wait until next month to hear the results.

Our next meeting will be Monday December 1, 2014 at 5:15pm.

Bud moved to adjourn the meeting; Henrietta seconded.

John closed the meeting at 7:09.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Trigère, clerk