

**Present:** Betty Hollingsworth, John Nove (chair), Ken Schoen, Jane Trigère.

**Absent:** Bud Driver and Henrietta Kocot

**Guest:** Bridgett Herzog (Historic Deerfield)

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The meeting was called to order at 5:22 by John.

**Clerk's Report**

Review of the November minutes. Ken moved to approve as amended; Betty seconded. Approved unanimously.

**Keeper of the Books**

No report

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Old Grammar School**

At the Nov. 5 Selectmen's meeting, Greg Farmer's report was acknowledged. The Selectmen accepted the report with delight. Our building inspector pushed for senior housing. Farmer said that one could place 6 units in that building. And with that use, construction would cost less because of CPA and State funds.

Farmer filled out a Form B listed in the registry of historic places as a "stand alone." This opens windows for possible funds for the building. The selectmen approved this whole process.

**Town Hall display cabinet**

The selectmen were effusive about our efforts. The location will be the second bay on the far side of the hall (side of Kayce and Dick's offices). Construction has begun.

**Sugarloaf Cemetery fence**

No report

**Website update**

No report

**St. James' Church documentation**

Betty clarified the history of the church. Plans will be made to document the church.

**Graffiti on bridge**

Day after the last meeting, John brought the photos of the graffiti to Mass DOT. Two days later the graffiti was gone.

**The Inventory project**

Marilyn McArthur's report was in our mailbox. Ken will review her report and summarize it next month.

**Civil War Memorial**

Deb Blodgett received an 18-page report on the monument repairs from Francis Miller. \$101-107,000 is the estimate for the repairs. Full details will be discussed when Deb Blodgett will be attending our next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Commission membership**

After checking regulations, John suggested that if we have a full house with 7 members and there are more who are interested in joining, we can add auxiliary members. Ken proposed the motion; Betty seconded. Approved unanimously.

**DHC proposals for CPA funding**

CPC did not meet this month. Ken will check with Dan Graves, chair of CPC, about when applications are due. Funding will be needed for the Civil War monument and for the Old Albany Road. Discussion ensued about whether we should ask for the full amounts (applied over 2 years) or divide the project up into parts. A longer discussion will continue next month. Ken asked who would write the grant applications this year. (Jane has in the past) John volunteered.

**New Administrative Assistant**

Doug Finn, former director of FCAT is the new Assistant to Kayce Warren, the Town Manager.

**Other funding sources for the Old Albany Road Cemetery restoration?**

More on this next month.

**UNFORSEEN MATTERS ARISING**

GCC lecture on the building of I-91 this Friday.

Read: copy of letter from Rep. Steve Kulik to Brona Simon (head of MHC) asking her to clarify digging on private land and the disposition of finds.

Ken moved to adjourn the meeting; Betty seconded. All agreed.

John closed the meeting at 6:40.

Our next meeting will be Monday January 5, 2015 at 5:15pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Jane Trigère, clerk*