

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

Absent: Jane Trigere

Guest: Bridgett Herzog (Historic Deerfield), Mary Andrianopoulos

AGENDA

Clerk's Report: Review/approve January and March meeting minutes

Budget Report: Electronic picture frame was purchased for the archeology exhibit in Town Hall. A \$50 honorarium will be given to Dr. Richard Gramly, the speaker at the opening of the exhibit. \$300 will go to the flint knapper for creating the fluted spear point in 5 stages for the exhibit.

OLD BUSINESS

-CPA proposals

Albany Road Cemetery

We originally asked for \$53,000 for Albany Road Cemetery work from the CPC. (180 stones need work. Category 1: 77 stones need immediate attention and category 2: 103 stones need repair within the next 5 years.) They rejected our proposal. Jane went to speak with Keith Finan, CFO of Deerfield Academy asking for a gift of \$10,000. They generously agreed and have pledged accordingly. We changed our proposal to the CPC, asking only for the cost of repairing category 1 stones (\$33,000) minus the \$10,000 DA gift. That equals \$23,000 and was approved by the CPC.

Civil War Memorial

The original proposal was for \$78,000. The CPC asked us to reconsider our request. The State has matching funds available for places designated as historic. CPC has approved the DHC second proposal for \$39,000. Our application to the MHC will be for the matching amount of funds. John Nove will write the grant application which is due on May 15.

Sugarloaf fence update

Bud reports: Kevin (DPW) will remove concrete and pipe fencing. Sonam Lama will begin work. Funding deadline is the end of June.

NEW BUSINESS

-Archaeology Event on April 19th

On April 19th (1-3pm) at Town Hall Dr. Richard Gramly will give a talk on the archeology of the region. The custom-made cabinet which was constructed and donated by Deerfield Academy to house local artifacts, will be formally inaugurated.

-Bloody Brook Monument nomination to National Register of Historic Places

We will approach a local business for financial support.

-Bibliography of MHC site reports

We received a copy of the bibliography of local Massachusetts State site reports from the MHC current to 2003. We will ask the MHC for an update.

-New acquisitions

Schoen Books donated of Western Massachusetts, A History, 1636-1925 (4 vol. pub 1926) and The Story of Western Massachusetts, (4 vol. pub 1949) both published by Lewis Historical Publishing Co.

Unforeseen matters arising

Our budget for next year was cut by \$500.

Henrietta moved to adjourn the meeting; Bud seconded. All agreed.

John closed the meeting at 7:50pm

Our next meeting will be Monday May 11, 2015 at 5:15pm. (Town elections are May 4)

Respectfully submitted by Ken Schoen instead of Jane Trigère, clerk