

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

**Absent:** Betty Hollingsworth

**Guests:** Mary Andrianopoulos, Bridgett Herzog

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## **AGENDA**

**Revise/accept minutes:** of the June 1, 2015 meeting. Ken moved to accept. Henrietta 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved unanimously.

**Budget update:** John said the financial report for the year is not yet available.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

-Civil War Memorial update

John reported on a meeting he recently had with Katherine McKay from the Alumni Relations Office at Deerfield Academy. She said that an alumnus (anonymous at present) had created a Old Main Street Preservation Fund and was interested in helping support the conservation and repair of the Memorial. This could happen within the next few months, removing the serious liability and allowing the Commission to use its recently-voted CPA funds to focus on the repair and conservation of the pedestal once the soldier had been taken down and safely stored,. Documents for putting the pedestal work out to bid will be prepared in conjunction with the Town Administrator. The Academy will be put in touch with Francis Miller, a conservator who has already done an evaluation of the monument. A plaque recognizing the OMSPF will be incorporated into the restored wrought iron fence that will eventually be returned to its place surrounding the monument.

-Sugarloaf St update.

Jane made a full report. We have until July 1, 2016 to complete the work. Jane composed and sent Kayce a full accounting of what the DHC goals have been for this project along with many photographs useful for the RFP (or whatever they call the form) Next steps belong to Kayce.

-Albany Rd Cemetery update

Childs Family has paid for 17 stones. The donor noticed that many adjacent trees had dead branches. DPW was alerted to have them removed before restoration work begins. Kai Nalenz was hired for the restoration job and he will be finished by the end of July. Bridgett will be passing by to check on progress. Some of the Childs family stones are in level 1 category and will be then removed from our next proposal for Albany Rd Cemetery restoration.

FCAT Jane is working on the Cemetery DVD at FCAT.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

-summer responsibilities

John will be gone until August 24. He needs someone to take 2 tasks. Henrietta has agreed to look out for phone messages and Email messages.

-South Deerfield Historical Inventory - what's next? The job is ¾ done. Some towns hire professionals. We need to know what they are paid.

Topic tabled

-South Deerfield Common / fountain

Jane will collect old photographs of the town center.

Do something about the unsightly solar trash/recycling bin.

Discovery process to see what can happen for the town center.

-Lathrop stone inscription. We need date when it was placed. Bud says it should be in meeting minutes of the town at the time. Tabled

-Remember to take the Online Ethics test.

-Bud wants entered letter from Rep Kulik dated June 16, 2015

**Unforeseen matters arising**

Mary would like to become a member. The group recommends her appointment. Jane will submit a letter from DHC along with her request to the Selectman.

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

John closed the meeting at 7:00

Our next meeting will be Monday Sept. 8, 2015 at 5:30pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Jane Trigère, clerk*