

Present:

Mary Andrianopoulos, Henrietta Kocot, John Nove (chair), Ken Schoen, Jane Trigère

Absent: Betty Hollingsworth, Bud Driver

Guests: David Barclay (HD rep), Jason Clark (potential new member)

Intro to guests of our various activities.

Jane shared the work of 3 UMass students from the Public History dept. who mapped out all the gravestones in Sugarloaf St Cemetery using GPS.

Clerk's Report: approve July meeting minutes Ken moved. Henrietta seconded all approved

Budget Report: none

OLD BUSINESS

-Mary's status as a Commission member. With her apologies, Jane updated her late processing. It will be on the Selectmen's meeting tomorrow. She is not a member for this meeting.

End-of-summer updates ... on-going projects:

-Sugarloaf Cemetery fence.

Because of costs and reduced allotment from CPC, John suggests that we go for a smaller job, just the front fence and maybe a turn at the corner to protect the vulnerable headstones near the Charsky property. We want to see what the "RFP" said and we want to talk to the winning bidder. Jane will follow up when Doug gets back from vacation.

-Albany Road Cemetery restoration

We have 2 years to go. We need to subtract the 17 stones from the Childs Family restoration from our earlier priorities list. We need to redo our priorities list for the next CPC application.

-Childs Family-funded work at the Albany Road Cemetery

16 stones repaired. One left to fix waiting for colored cement. Historic D is working on new interpretive brochure. DA gives \$10,000 to the project. (?)

-Civil War Memorialchanges from John

John reports: We asked for \$76,000 (for removal of soldier and restoring pedestal) based on Francis Miller, the conservator's estimate. CPC gave us half = \$38,000. Mass Historical had matching grants getting us back to nearly the whole amount. But they would not fund a partial project.

Removal of soldier = \$22,000

The conservator decided that he could work on the statue in situ. But this decision of his came too late to be part of the proper process of CPC applications. Katherine McKay, the DA fundraiser, found donor #1 for \$50,000. Donor #2 for \$10,000. #2 has a fund for historic repairs at DA. We thought that since the funds were DA contribution that they would oversee the project and thus not require a bidding process. First part for DA and the 2nd part we would take care of.

But DA did not want to manage the process. The monies therefore must go through the town and requires a bidding process.

A meeting took place between DA, HD, PVMA and the Town. No invitation was extended to anyone from the DHC. They decided they would go back to the idea of restoring the soldier in situ. This would cost a total of \$102,000. But our CPA money was awarded for the first plan: removing soldier & repairing pedestal.

Potential problem: conservator described the problem, made a proposal, and applied for the job.

Kayce agrees that this may appear to be a conflict of interest.

Kai sent us a list of other conservators.

All this hinges on the CPC agreeing to a change in the overall project. And that job will have to go out to bid.

If CPC says yes that we can pool the funds then a bid document is written.

If the CPC says no, then that group will have to do it on their own and raise the funds.

Long discussion ensued.

A person should be hired to manage the project.

NEW BUSINESS

-review of recent letters and e-mail

-downtown walking tour

Shirley created the start of a downtown walking tour, saving all the inventory work. She did not include the material that Marilyn wrote. John will send us the file electronically.

We would like to produce a booklet.

-Bud's FERC letter

Bud and Phil Zea wrote to FERC re pipeline and archeological implications.

-upcoming Jewett visit. Jane shared all materials received from Jay. He is coming to do family research.

-two upcoming events: John will send info via email.

-archaeology display case

-suggestions for a DHC 'visibility project' for the Fall

Fountain and town center. Jane brought images of the town center with the fountain from earlier years. We need to find copies of the earlier studies done of the Village Center by the Conway School of Landscape Design.

Unforeseen matters arising

Ken: Shirley's gift of postcards. John will have a check to compensate \$40.

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

John closed the meeting at 7:00

Our next meeting will be Tuesday Oct. 6, 2015 at 5:30pm.

