

Cemetery fence

Present:

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

Absent: Mary Andrianopoulos, Bonita Conlon

Guests: Dave Barclay

Meeting called to order at 5:45pm

Clerk's Report: Minutes of Oct. 6, 2015 were reviewed and approved unanimously.

Budget Report: none

Old Business

Bonita's status as commissioner. Tabled

Updates of ongoing projects

-Sugarloaf Cemetery

Jane reported on the delay. It is due to the lack of DPW funds to remove the tree(s). DPW talks of removing 3 trees. We asked for one.

Kevin (DPW) said he got permission from Fisher's Garage to deal with the trees via their property at the back of the cemetery.

After discussion, Henrietta made a motion to proceed with the Sugarloaf Cemetery Fence project, put it out for bids immediately, and let the town remove the trees when they have the funds at a later date. We invested a fair amount of money to repair the gravestones and we are concerned about this. Four in favor; Bud abstained. Motion passed.

There was no payment made to the surveyor because he forgot to send us an invoice. And there was no document because he said he was not asked to provide written documentation.

-Civil War Memorial

Letter received from Kayce Warren about the schedule for repairs to the monument.

DHC was commended by one Selectman for the collaborative effort in bringing about the restoration of the monument.

The CPC approved allowing the funds awarded to the DHC to be used for a slightly different purpose.

-Albany Rd Cemetery gravestone restoration.

John will get all the paper work together and we will decide on what needs to be done to file a CPA application and who is helping him.

New Business

-South Deerfield Downtown Walking tour

We are looking for models to follow for a booklet. We looked at samples from the town of Sunderland and from UMass-Amherst.

-The Town Common

Considering the work currently planned (fixing the electrical wiring), there is nothing much more to do about the Common at this point. We will discuss it further at next month's meeting.

Deerfield Historical Commission

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The DHC wants to be consulted about any improvements, changes, or esthetics to town common property. These are part of our history and can sometimes be sensitive.

We are in agreement that the solar trash is ugly and needs some tending--either moved, removed or camouflaged with landscaping.

-Putting Bloody Brook Monument on National Register.

There is MHC money available for writing projects as long as we find matching funds, but MHC will not fund a project in a town (like Deerfield) that does not have a historical inventory.

-Budgetary considerations

Bud moved that we to pay Dan Werner the \$350 that he did not charge the town for the surveying the Sugarloaf Cemetery. Ken seconds.

Henrietta moved to purchase from Lester Garvin for a set of Lake Hitchcock maps for \$100. Ken seconds.

John moved to maintain the budget for next year as is. This includes the signage for the Sugarloaf Cemetery.

Jane moved to purchase a bench for the cemetery. John seconds. She will research this.

Jane will find a binder for postcards and bring to Pat to have them order it for us.

All motions were approved unanimously.

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

John closed the meeting at 7:24

Our next meeting will be Tuesday Nov.2, 2015 at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Trigere, clerk