

**MINUTES OF THE UPTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
**March 29, 2012**

The meeting convened at the police station at 7:12pm.

Chairman Barbara Burke, Russell Wood, Jerry Owczarzak, Jonathan Meagher, Cathy Taylor, Joyce Heywood, and George Patterson were in attendance.

**March 6 Minutes**

The minutes of the Commission's March 6 meeting were approved with one minor correction.

**Commission Membership**

George Patterson has sent a letter to the Board of Selectmen asking for official appointment to the Commission as a full member. Ken Wood has tendered his resignation to the BOS.

**Heritage Park Dedication Invitations**

Barbara and Cathy have prepared a list of people who assisted in the purchase and improvement of the park to invite to the opening and dedication. The list was passed around for the perusal and approval of the members of the Commission. Cathy will try to contact Jim Mavor's children to invite them and will speak to Marilyn Holman about putting an invitation to all residents in the *Town Crier*.

Barbara had invitations of the type previously approved by the Commission professionally printed.

**Dedication Ceremony**

George has contacted Native American flute player Strong Eagle Daly about playing at the ceremony. He is a member of the Nipmuc Nation and is willing to play free of charge.

Cathy has also contacted her friend Melody Lee Whalen, the storyteller, who is also willing to donate her services for the day.

Barbara has spoken to the Chief Bradley of the police department about using tents for the ceremony. The Chief is willing to provide the tents. Chief Arondale of the Fire Department has offered the use of a podium.

Cathy's e-mail invitation will include an invitation to plant bushes and will note that attendees will need to bring boots and sign a waiver if they wish to enter the chamber.

George will donate a large water cooler for the occasion and Joyce and Cathy will solicit donations for light refreshments from local businesses.

The park will be mown before the opening.

### **Paul Loether of the National Register of Historic Places**

National Register chief Paul Loether will be attending the dedication of Heritage Park. Barbara spoke to Doug Harris about the revolutionary discontinuous National Register district that has been proposed for the chamber and Pratt Hill.

Barbara has inquired at the Rose Garden (with Mike Campbell) about the cost of a brunch with Mr. Loether. The Commission will meet with Mr. Loether to discuss the concept of a discontinuous historic district as it relates to the Chamber and Pratt Hill properties. The meeting will take place at brunch at 11am on April 15.

### **Letter to Town Hall Renovation Committee**

Jon reported that he gave a letter indicating the Commission's support for the Town Hall Renovation Committee's support for their proposal for the renovation and restoration of Town Hall to Renovation Committee chair Kelly McElreath. The Commission officially expressed its support at the March 6 meeting.

The Commission adjourned at 8:25pm.