

# MINUTES OF THE UPTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

September 18 , 2012

In attendance were Chairman Jonathan Meagher , Cathy Taylor , Joyce Heywood , Howard Glassman, Russell Wood and George Patterson . Barbara Burke and Marcella Stasa also attended .

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 pm

The minutes of the 8/21 meetings were edited and approved

Treasurer's Report - Cathy . The General Account = \$ 1,000 The gift account = \$3,414.60

\$ 2, 554. not earmarked for landscaping .

Tyler Bartlett is involved with a Boy Scout project to build a shed for Heritage Park Cathy will get him a \$ 100 gift certificate to help with the cost of building materials – he will begin fund raising to supplement . Cathy will help him determine where the shed should be built . Barbara Burke mentioned that a building permit is not required .

## Marcella Stasa - Gardens at Heritage Park

Marcella mentioned the importance of community garden. She cited the success of the gardens on Mechanic St . The Land Stewardship would be willing to assist with a community garden at Heritage Park . Marcella said that the same organizations that assisted with Mechanic St. , may be willing to help with HeritagePark. Rain barrels have provided enough water for the garden . Most of the participants live nearby . The area needs to be fenced to protect the crops from animals . The entire garden is 100' X 100' . The garden was not entirely funded by grants – the LS took money from their budget. Marcella offered to help with grant process should the UHC decide to go ahead . Gardeners have not been asked for a financial contribution; that may change in the future . The garden is in its 4<sup>th</sup> year.

The UHC decided this is a good idea ; this will be considered with the landscaping plans for the Park.

## Fencing for Heritage Park

The neighbors have complained about the traffic and visitors to Heritage Park . Some visitors have allowed their dogs to run unleashed. One dog attacked one of the neighbor's dog . The dog required medical treatment .

One neighbor was promised a fence when the renovation began .

Miller Fence Rte 20 – Auburn – George to contact ( Joyce sent plan last week ).

CPC funds may help with this ?

## September Films

Town will not sign the September Films contract . September could film anyway; they are considering filming without approval .

Town Hall Building Committee - Jon has requested that UHC members consider taking a seat on the committee .

New England Power Lines - There is proposal for new transmission lines on an existing National Grid ROW . This is a secondary proposal ; it not likely to be implemented nor impact Upton . Cathy expressed concerned that we are aware if this proposal moves ahead ; the UHC should be consulted to protect significant sites -

Archeological Report - The conclusions are missing from the report . More to follow .

Heritage Homecoming - 9/29 Saturday - 8 local restaurants will compete in an apple crisp bake off . There will be entertainment . Barbara mentioned that it would be nice to have participation of the UHC . The UHC voted to have a table ( \$15 fee ) and offer tours of the Chamber .

Partnership with Narragansett Indians - The Narragansett Nations is looking for partnerships with local town to protect significant sites .

Metacomet Land Trust Update – Jon contacted Mike Penko.

The House Tour of Antique homes of Upton has been cancelled .

Soil Samples – We received \$400 for OSL testing . Cathy suggested that we add \$ 600. The UHC decided to have a determination on the contamination before using more UHC funds .

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm