

MINUTES OF THE UPTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

January 15 , 2013

In attendance were Chairman Jonathan Meagher, Cathy Taylor ,Russell Wood, George Patterson , Maureen Byrne, Doug Harris , Ellen Arnold and Bill Taylor .

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

The minutes of the 12/18 /2012 meetings were edited and approved.

Treasurer's Report – UHC account \$985. Revolving Acct. \$ 4,125.65

(cleared thru end of November).

Ellen Arnold and Bill Taylor- Friends of Upton State Forest – Ellen and Bill discussed the FUSF comments on the DCR's Cultural Resource Management Plan.

They were pleased the Plan recognizes that the forest may have ceremonial stone landscapes and protects stone landscapes whose use may not be known.

Includes the rehab and reuse of CCC Headquarters and Infirmary buildings as a high priority .

Recognizes FUSF and others as partners in cultural resource management.

Recognizes the Upton Historical Society's holding are archival resources.

Proposed additions to the plan:

North Barn – adaptive reuse or build a shadow barn

How new discoveries will be incorporated into resource inventory

Best practices for the management of historic wells

Doug Harris of the Narragansett Nation and the UHC discussed collaboration and consultation on designations in the forest . The Pratt Hill Stone features and the Upton Chamber have been recognized as a discontinuous historic district and determined eligible for the National Register of Historical Places. Mr. Harris expressed concern over the Plan; the Plan did not include the same language used by the FCC in their designation.

Heritage Park Fence update - It was determined that the fence should be installed within the borders of the park, not on the neighbor's land . The UHC voted unanimously to install fence on town land.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30