

MINUTES OF THE UPTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

March 19 , 2013

In attendance were Chairman Jonathan Meagher , Cathy Taylor, Howard Glassman ,Russell Wood, George Patterson , Maureen Byrne, and Mike Penko .

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm

The minutes of the previous meeting were edited and approved.

Treasurer's Report - \$ 3,629.65 in the revolving account . \$ 985 in the gift account .

Heritage Park Tool Shed – Tyler Bartlett is concerned about the location of the proposed tool shed (his Eagle Scout project). Russell Wood motioned that we approve relocating the proposed site of the shed. The vote was unanimous, in favor. Alternative locations were discussed; we will meet Tyler at the park during April to decide on a location

Metacomet Land Trust – Mike Penko discussed the draft CSR for Heritage Park . Cathy Taylor raised many concerns and

recommended changes . She recommended including specific language to include ceremonial landscapes. This will be consistent with the FCC nomination of Heritage Park for a non contiguous historical district for the National Registry under criterion A – religious beliefs of the Tribes (Narragansett , Aquinnah and Wampanoag).

Jonathan Meagher suggested that language and suggested changes remain neutral about the possible origin of the Chamber .

Mike also added that we need to be sure of the boundaries of the Park for CSR.

Archaeologist's Report on Upton Chamber- Copies of the report were distributed . Some observations :

- Well written
- Did not include Paleo , Early and Middle Archaic sites in Mendon, Westboro, Sutton and Uxbridge .
- Report only included sites within 3KM of the chamber
- Did not include all sites and reference chamber on a map
- Did not reference other stone chambers in Uxbridge , Webster and Thompson Ct.
- Did not reference connection between Praying Villages and stone chambers
- Did not include oral histories and references from local tribes

Cemetery Update –

The UHC should create a list of priorities for work to be completed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm