

Historic Commission meeting -September 24, 2014 Meeting commenced at 7:06 pm

In attendance - Cathy Taylor, Ken Picard, Joyce Heywood, Howard Glassman, Russell Wood and Maureen Byrne

Minutes from August 21st, 2014 unanimously accepted with corrections.

Treasurers report-Revolving Account-\$3749.11 UHC expense Account -\$1000

Unanimously approved \$190 expense for Archeology Day at Nipmuc. Unanimously approved \$15 for table at Heritage Day., unanimously approved \$121.39 for copying James Milner Associates Archaeology report.

Eagle Scout project update-Mark LeClaire will start the construction of the kiosk at Heritage Park Saturday September 27, 2014.

UHC finance review- Need form created for donations received. This form would include donors name, purpose of donation and designation for remainder of money if not utilized. There is a potential discrepancy about a donation made from a town resident in the amount of approximately \$3000.

Upton Center Historic District- Cathy Taylor and Joyce Heywood attended the Massachusetts Historic Commission meeting September 10, 2014 in Boston. Two letters of support for the district were read, and Gretchen Schuler gave a presentation of the Upton Central Historic District. Massachusetts Historic Commission unanimously approved this designation. The nomination goes to the National Register of Historic Places.

Conservation Restriction for Heritage Park- Ed Bell from Massachusetts Historic Commission suggested some edits and additions for the document. It was unanimously agreed to draft a letter to the tribes, using some of Ed Bell's suggested language, asking for input on the Heritage Park Conservation Restriction

Eagle Scout final guidelines to be posted on the Historic Commission website were unanimously approved.

OSL update- Fred Martin did not send the other three samples to Shannon to be tested.

Archeology Day, October 25, 2014. There is a press release on the Massachusetts Historic Commission website. 20 booklets have been made up for the Upton presentation at Nipmuc High School.

Upton Historic Commission mission statements -we will look over and discuss at October meeting.

Heritage Day is September 27th. -The Upton Historic Commission will have a table and a tour of First Cemetery at 1pm.

There was some discussion of the relationship of the Board of Selectmen liaison with the Upton Historic Commission. There was a good deal of input and questions from all present. There has been some discord on the commission in the past year, so the Board of Selectmen hopes to get the commission running seamlessly soon.

Ken Picard has been acting as a liaison between the Historical Commission and Blythe Robinson and will continue to do so. Ken stated that he is on the Commission because of past problems with the group. The Selectmen feel there have been too many resignations and much unrest. They do not like the direction the commission has taken.

Because of the recent past problems with the Commission, the Selectmen will not approve anyone to fill the opening on the group until they are sure of the stability and direction of the Commission. There has in fact been at least one person who has applies to the Selectmen to fill the vacancy earlier this year. The same goes for appointing alternate members.

A question arose about who actually owns the items that the

Historical Society maintains. Joyce seems to remember that Barbara Burke told her that the town (Historical Commission) owns the items, but that the Historical Society takes care of them. This is important to clarify for the future, in case either group wants to sell off any items. Ken Picard said he would check with the town to clarify.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm