

Historical Commission Meeting Minutes  
Feb. 15, 2007

Members present

Beverly Goodale, Kim D. Hopewell, Barbara Deschenes, Neil Norum, Greg Zarkanian

Acceptance of the Jan. 18, 2007 meeting minutes, Kim made a motion to accept the minutes, second by Beverly, all in favor.

MPPF Grants

Beverly called Boston and we cannot apply for this grant at this time, the commission has been entered in the 2008 submission system to await ruling on the disposition.

It will cost the commission \$7,500 up front money, need money raiser, cemetery trustees asked to donate with the perpetual care proceeds, the historical society for extra money.

Mary Cook Books

I-Achieves

Difficulty with contact person, Derrick Gordon has left the company did not leave any notes, CEO Russ Weiner; they're going in a different direction. They need more information from the commission. Negotiations with I-Achieves have been severed.

New England Achieves

N E Achieves of Holyoke has been in business for 45 years their company has been contacted to pick up where I-Achieves have left off.

The Library has been notified of the change of the archival place of business. UPS records were mailed to Holyoke last week, it is anticipated they can perform the job for .30 cents per page.

Town Report

Beverly working on it and will submit to the Town Administrators Office

Lovell Memorial Bell

Bell Committee meeting scheduled for Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at the Historical Society. Members include, Barbara Deshcesne representing the Historical Commission, April Whitcomb representing the Historical Society, Sara O'Connor as a town of West Boylston designee, Dennis Parker from the Bicentennial Committee, and Beverly Goodale representing the Garden Club.

The Lovell family (who is funding the purchase of the bell) wants a “cast bell” not an engraved bell. April will assist in the artistic procedure aspects of the bells exterior design.

#### Report on National Register Nomination

Fannin and Lainer, met 2-15, file is coming along,

#### Holbrook Chapel

It is believed that the glass windows were made in 1891, and the building erected in 1893.

The Town accepted the Mortuary chapel and Receiving Tomb on the Old Common. Chapel at a Special Town Meeting on April 9, 1894.

It is the belief of the commission that architects Fuller and Delano were the contractors. The Town of Oakham Library is of the same construction as that of the Holbrook Chapel. Fuller and Delano built the Library. Beverly talked with Worcester Historical Society to ascertain of the firm, they have no information. Worcester T & G has information on microfilm but you would have to research it at the Worcester Library.

#### Publications

The following publications were shown to the Commissioners:

1. Guide to Massachusetts Cemetery is listed in A Guide to Mass. Cemeteries, David Allen Lambert
2. Puritan Gravestone Art and Puritan Gravestone Art II, Boston University
3. Gravestone Chronicles, Theodore Chasse, Laurel K. Gabel
4. Old Cemetery, West Boylston, Mass by Herbert Milton Cheever 1943

A copy of the Old Cemetery was given to Kim to copy and bind for the Society.

#### Demolition Delay By-law

Our example bylaw was taken from the town of Stockbridge, this was a shorter and more concise bylaw would better serve our needs. Barbara derived at an average time period of restrictions from all examples received from the submissions from the Town Clerk of the surrounding towns that currently have a demolition delay bylaw.

Motion to accept the bylaw as written; second subject to the time parameters are in concert with the town regarding the public hearing.

A copy of this proposed bylaw will be given to the Town Administrator and Building Inspector for review.

#### **Examples of town buildings that have been demolished**

Giobelina's, the King house and barn on the corner of Goodale St and Phelps Pl, the Oakdale School in back of the Methodist Church, Antinarella's house and Barn on Prospect St, the old Doctors House on Tivnan Dr., Brigham's House and barn, and the Jacob Winn Barn. The Commissioners were informed by the state of the pending demolition of the Jacob Winn barn and the Giobelina Farm. The commission did not have to opportunity to retrieve any objects from the farm but through the efforts of the Historical Society and townspeople the Jacob Winn Barn was disassembled and resurrected in back of the Historical Society.

Kim will see if the building has a record of past and future demolition permits that the commission may review.

The Commission would like to submit a demolition delay bylaw at the Oct. 15 Semi-Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

**New Business**

Preservation Award, Jacob Winn Project.

**Date of next meeting**

March 15th, at 4 p.m. in the Historical Society Building.

Motion to adjourn by Neil, second by Barbara, unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim D. Hopewell  
Historical Commission