

Historical Commission Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2007

Members present

Beverly Goodale, Neil Norum, Barbara Deschenes, Kim Hopewell, Matthew Hopewell

Meeting called to order 4:05 p.m.

Introduction of a new member Dennis Parker

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Acceptance of meeting minutes of March 15th, 2007 Neil motion to accept, second by Barbara, unanimously voted.

Old Business

Demo. Delay Bylaw- penalty clause will be added in our proposed demo. delay bylaw. Mass. General Laws Ch. 40A references monetary fines, the commission questions the implementation of a \$100 fine per day. Barbara will drop off the revised bylaw to be reviewed by the Building Inspector and the Town Administrator.

Boston Post Cane

- A new list will be run by the town clerk for the oldest resident.
- Pins are made by Joseph Jewelers of Leominster, MA. The price per pin is \$15.00; a pin sample was ordered and picked up by Kim for review by the commissioners.
- It was voted by the board to award a Boston Post Cane Pin if the recipient is in a Facility other than his/her home in lieu of the Boston Cane.
- Motion by Beverly to order an additional 6 pins, second by Matthew, unanimously voted. Kim will contact the jeweler to place the order.
- The commission will need to purchase frames for the award certificate.

Mary Cook Scrapbook

New England Archives has completed the coping of Mary Cook's files from micro-fische to CD's. Two cd's have been given to the commission, one is comprised of tiff files and the other is pdf's. The final bill for the project was \$472.00.

The Library Trustees have also given the commission authority to copy and sell the cd's. for \$20 each. The commission will purchase CD Stomper Software in order to imprint an image of Mary Cook on the cd's and will include a biography of Mary Cook in each copy as well. It was voted to purchase Archival Gold CD-R's, the purpose of which is that they are patented with a Pthhalocynine dye that offers the maximum resistance to the effects of light, humidity and heat. The CD's reflective layer is made with 24K gold instead of silver, which stops degradation from oxidation. the commission will obtain a picture and bio of Mary Cook to be included with each cd. Barbara made a motion to purchase whatever is needed to enable the commission to do the fundraiser, second by

Matthew, unanimously voted. It was voted to have the Historical Society sell the cd's for the Commission.

Local Historic District Discussion

- Linda Isgro was scheduled to go before the Board of Selectmen on April 18th to request board to look into setting up a local historic district from Scarlett St., to the center of town. The Historic Commission will take this matter under advisement and get back to Ms. Isgro.
- Seminar Information- The Massachusetts Historical Commission with the Medford Historical Commission on Establishing Local Historic Districts. Preservation workshops on MHC Historic Property Inventory, Introduction to the National Register of Historic Places
- It was voted to have a roundtable with Chris Skelly of MHC to do a program for establishing a local historic district pros and cons. The seminar will include our commission as well as the surrounding communities. We will entertain Mr. Skelly at a commission meeting and provide a tour of the town to review areas as potential historic districts. The commission will host the meeting at the Beaman Memorial Public Library. Beverly will contact Mr. Skelly to set up a meeting and ask the state to send out the flyers for any interested Historic Society's and Commissions around the state.
- Joseph Dwelly Headstone- Veterans Agent and Hist. Comm. Neil will request a Revolutionary War tombstone to replace the missing headstone at the expense of the Veterans Administration.

New Business

- MHC Correspondence – Afra Terrace 39 Shrewsbury St., MHC #RC 30751 EOEA # 13867 The South Bay Quartzite Quarry Site has yielded important information. This site is a rare quartzite quarry and rock shelter in Worcester County, which includes evidence of occupation, raw material extraction and tool manufacture spanning approximately 4000 years from the Late Archaic period (ca. 5000 before present) to the Late Woodland period (ca 1000 to 450 years before present) The site is intact and is likely to yield further highly important information and it is the opinion of the MHC that this site meets the criteria of eligibility (36 CFR 60) for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under criteria A, C and D.
- Inventory all houses over 50 years old, the commission will increase its meetings to twice a month to start the inventory. Kim will get a set of maps and request a download from the Assessors Office sorted by map/lot and age of house.

Date of Next Meeting

May 17th at 4 p.m.

Respectfully
Kim D. Hopewell