

Historical Commission Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2007

Members present-

Beverly Goodale, Neil Norum, Nancy Barakian, Greg Zarkarian, Barbara Deschenes, Kim D. Hopewell

Meeting called to order- 4:05 p.m.

New Member-

Nancy Barakian

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Boston Post Cane-

6 Pins ordered from Joseph's Jewelers. Elderly list was given to the members for consideration of a new presentation of the cane. Barbara will check with Briarwood Nursing Home, and Beverly will contact the Oakdale Nursing home to discuss the length of time the tenants have been there.

Boston Post Cane History- In 1909, Edwin Grosier, publisher and owner of the Boston Post Newspaper, purchased ebony wood from Africa. This wood was used to make 431 canes. They were machined on lathes, then a gold head was attached with an inscription on the top: "Boston Post Newspaper given to the oldest citizen of (town)" Mr. Grosier gave this cane to selectmen in towns only, no cities, in Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire and Rhode Island if requested.

Local Historic District-

Christopher Skelly, Director of Local Government Programs at the Massachusetts Historical District, gave the commission an "On the Road Program" informational handout to fill out and e-mail it back to him for consideration. This will determine if he will come and give a presentation on the steps on adopting a local historic district. The Commission will give Mr. Skelly a tour of possible areas in town that could qualify for a local district.

Invite the Board of Selectmen, surrounding town historical commissioners, and the towns people from West Boylston. Advertise in the paper and post as a meeting of the Historical Commissioners, to be held in the Beaman Memorial Public Library tentatively scheduled for the fall. Registration will be limited due to space restraints at the library. Reservations will be required.

Data Base for Home Inventory

Prospect St from Ray's Furniture to Newton St
Central St from traffic light crossing Goodale St to end

Next Meeting

June 21, 2007

4 p.m.