

**Historical Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
Feb 21, 2008**

**Members Present**

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

**Acceptance of minutes**

Motion to accept minutes of the Nov. 29, 2007 Historical Commission meeting was made by Kim D Hopewell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Neil Norum unanimously approved.

**Old Business**

**1. Correspondence**

- a. Fannin and Lehner Preservation Consultants finished preparing the nomination paperwork for the Mount Vernon Cemetery and the Holbrook Chapel. National Register Director Betsy Friedberg of the Massachusetts Historical Commission has received our packet and submitted it to the State Review Board for their consideration. The nomination a meeting of the board will be held on March 12, 2008 at 1 p.m. Chairwoman Beverly Goodale has received a memorandum from the board and has answered all questions regarding the submission and revised the application accordingly.
- b. State Historic Preservation Officer Brona Simon sent correspondence to Kevin McCormick, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen notifying him of the status of the cemetery and chapel nomination to be place in the National Register of Historic Places. Ms. Simon also notes that;

“...listing in the National Register does not mean that limitations will be placed on the property by the Federal government. Public visitation rights are not required of property owners. The Federal government will not attach restrictive covenants to the properties or seek to acquire it. If a property is listed in the National Register, the owner may do anything with it that he/she wishes, unless state or federal funds, permits, or licensing are used, or unless some other regional and/or local ordinance or policy is in effect. In Massachusetts, properties nominated to the National Register are automatically listed in the State Register of Historic Places. There are no limitations, public visitation requirements, or restrictive covenants for private properties included in the State Register. State Register properties owned by municipalities and nonprofit organizations may compete for state restoration grants.”
- c. A draft copy of the National Register nomination is available at the Beaman Memorial Library.
- d. Historical Commission members will attend the meeting. The commission intends to bind copies of the report for distribution.

**2. Survey and Planning Grant**

- a. No progress has been made for 2008 due to the fact of the Bicentennial Celebration. The Commission will focus on grants for 2009
- b. Proposed projects for grants include;
  - i. Have the glass negatives on file made into pictures;
  - ii. set up dark room up to print;

- iii. Digitize the prints for cleanup.
  - c. Community preservation committee, look into the grant process, cutoff is May 30<sup>th</sup> for inclusion on the warrant for the Oct. town meeting. 10% has to go forth for historic preservation.
- 3. Town Wide Inventory**
- a. The Town Clerks Office will allow the commission the use of the 3 computers for data entry on April 24<sup>th</sup>
- 4. Demolition Delay Bylaw**
- a. The bylaw is all set for the town meeting warrant in May,
  - b. A public hearing will be scheduled for Thurs. April 24<sup>th</sup> 4 p.m.,
  - c. A letter submitted to the BOS for inclusion in the warrant;
  - d. Legal ads will be placed in legal ads in the Banner and T&G on April 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>

## **New Business**

- 1. Budget**
- a. Submitted budget of \$996
  - b. \$250 was removed from supplies line item,
  - c. Fund balances; 6-91 \$644.59, building fund \$2,626.39
- 2. Sign for National Register**
- a. The sign designating the Holbrook Chapel and Mount Vernon Cemetery listing in National Register needs to be completed by Sunday, July 27, 2008, for the dedication at 2 p.m. the following issues must be decided;
    - i. Verbiage on the sign
    - ii. Coordinate the dedication with the Lovell Bell;
    - iii. Receive permission from the Board of Selectmen to post the sign near the Church Street entrance of the cemetery by the Holbrook Chapel.
- 3. Date of next meeting**
- a. March 27<sup>th</sup> at 4, conference rm. 1 -127 Hartwell St

Meeting Adjourned

Kim D. Hopewell

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