

Historical Commission

April 4, 2008

replaces March 27th meeting that canceled

Members Present-

Greg Zakarian, Barbara Deschenes, Kim D. Hopewell, Beverly Goodale

Acceptance of Minutes from Feb. 21, 2008- Motion to accept Barbara Deschenes, seconded by Greg Zakarian, unanimously approved.

National Register of Historic Places-

On Wednesday March 12, 2008 the Massachusetts Historical Commission has voted to accept placing Mt Vernon Cemetery and Holbrook Chapel on the National Register. Additional information regarding Map No.'s mentioned in the original documentation were absent from the package. These maps were copied and certified by the Town Clerk and submitted to Boston for inclusion. MHC has mailed off the information to Washington for Federal acceptance.

Historical Commission Members Greg Zakarian, Neil Norum, Beverly Goodale, as well as Cemetery Trustee John McCormick and Library Trustee Pauline McCormick were in attendance.

Town Wide Inventory-

Work session April 24, 2008 4 p.m., for data entry

A motion was made By Barbara Deschenes and second by Greg Zakarian to place an ad in the Historical Society Newsletter to look for volunteers to assist the Commission in deed research at the court house, unanimously voted.

Demolition Delay Bylaw-

The Board of Selectmen is not in support of putting the demolition delay bylaw on the May town meeting warrant. The public hearing scheduled for April 24th will be canceled. The Demolition Delay Bylaw will be brought forth for the Oct. town meeting.

The Commissioners were dismayed with the omission of this article in the May warrant, but understand that a general bylaw article is better suited for the Oct. Annual Town Meeting as the May Town Meeting should only be directed towards money articles.

New Business-

The discussion regarding the sign for National Register Designation for the Holbrook Chapel and the Mount Vernon Cemetery was tabled, as Dennis Parker was not in attendance to

update the commission on his findings. This sign needs to be completed by the dedication date slated for Sunday, July 27, 2008 @ 2 p.m.

A meeting will be held with the Cemetery Trustees on the permanent placement of the sign by the Holbrook Chapel and entrance to the Mount Vernon Cemetery.

The Plan for the dedication will be coordinated with that of the Lovell Bell. The Historical Society will provide food and beverages after the ceremony. The following dignitaries will be invited to attend:

Sen. Harriett Chandler
Rep. James O'Day,
Cong. James McGovern, and
Fannin and Lehner

Protocol for email and other commission business-

The Chair has advised that the members of the Commission should not write correspondence or e-mail as a representative of the Historical Commission unless expressly instructed to do so. You may express your opinion on an issue as a private citizen.

Date of next meeting-

April 24, 2008, 4 p.m. at the Town Clerk's Office for a work session.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim D Hopewell
Historical Commissioner