

**Historical Commission
Meet Minutes
May 15, 2008**

Members present-

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

Acceptance of minutes

National Register Nomination update-

The project is still on track for the 2 p.m. dedication ceremony on July 27th. The Commission will have a 18 x 24 bronze sign cast with a dark oxide leather finish background. Matthew's International Corp, 1315 West Liberty Ave., Pittsburgh PA will cast the sign. Beverly will prepare the information as well as the layout to the Commission to vote on the final product. Orciani Welding will make the stand that will be mounted near the entrance to the Mt. Vernon Cemetery and Holbrook Chapel on Church Street. On a motion by Kim D. Hopewell, and second by Barbara Deschenes, it was unanimously voted to proceed with the casting of the sign and to limit the costs not to exceed \$1,000.

A ceremony dedicating the Bicentennial Bell will immediately follow. This ceremony will be conducted on the common at the corner of Rte. 12 and Church Street.

Joseph Dwelley Update-

The rededication of Joseph's grave stone will be held on Saturday, June 7 at 9 a.m. Dignitaries will be contacted to attend the ceremony, they include; Senator Harriett Chandler, Congressman James McGovern, Rep. James O'Day, the Town of West Boylston Board of Selectmen, and the Town Clerk.

The Revolutionary War re-enactors will be present as well as the D.A.R. (Daughters of the American Revolution), the S.A.R. (Sons of the American Revolution) and the C.A.R. (Children of the American Revolution), along with the descendants of Joseph Dwelley.

Dan Dudley of the S.A.R. and Ginger Carter from the D.A.R. will help coordinate the ceremony and prepare flyers. They, along with the Fife and Drum Corp. and re-enactors will enter through the Holbrook Chapel part of the cemetery on Church St., march over to the grave to conduct the rededication ceremony. A wreath will be placed on the grave and the bicentennial stone. After the ceremony the company will then march to the Bicentennial Stone to rededicate that as well, with the wreath placed at the Bicentennial Stone by Chair Beverly Goodale and past Commissioner Ronald Borjeson.

Community Preservation

Minxie J. Fannin of Fannin and Lehner has been contacted to prepare and submit an assessment of Gravestones and Monuments in need of repair or conservation in the Mount Vernon and Beaman Cemeteries. The proposal will be submitted to the Community Preservation Committee for review and approval and be submitted to the Board of Selectmen for the Oct. Semi-Annual Town Meeting where it will be voted on by the town.

Upon a motion by Greg Zakarian and second by Dennis Parker it was unanimously voted to allow Fannin and Lehner to proceed with this request.

Other Business-

None

Date of Next Meeting-

June 19, 20084 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim D. Hopewell
Historical Commissioner & Secretary