

**Historical Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
June 19, 2008**

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

**Acceptance of the May 15th meeting minutes-**

Upon a motion of Barbara Deschenes and second by Kim D. Hopewell, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes as amended.

**1- Rededication of the Revolutionary War Monument and Service at the Joseph Dwelly Stone**

The dedication service went exceptionally well. The Commission will send thank you letters to the following people and organizations;

- Representative James O'Day
- The Sons of the American Revolution
- The Daughters of the American Revolution
- The Children of the American Revolution, and
- The Dwelly family

**2- Community Preservation Update**

The Historical Commission has presented the CPC applications for the following:

- \$8,500 for the complete Mount Vernon-Beaman Assessment
  - o \$7,650 Professional Fee
  - o \$850 for expenses (Clerical, photography, mileage, report material, postage, etc.)
- \$1,600 for a condition assessment and report for the Beaman Cemetery alone;
  - o \$1,350 Professional Fee
  - o \$250 for expenses (Clerical, photography, mileage, report material, postage, etc.)

**3- New Business**

- a. Sign for Mount Vernon Cemetery placing it on the National Historic Register. The following verbiage will be laid out by April Gustafson and sent to Matthew's International Corp. who will then cast the sign;

**MOUNT VERNON CEMETERY**

Mount Vernon Cemetery is comprised of three distinct adjacent areas covering 16.73 acres. These are the Beaman Cemetery, Circ 1757, moved here in 1901 when it was displaced by the Wachusett Reservoir; the old burying ground, circa 1792; and Mount Vernon Cemetery 1852.

The Cemetery is significant for its association with the overall settlement of West Boylston, Its evolution of the Town's early center, and its return in the latter 19th century. It is also significant for its Colonial/Federal Burial Ground and many excellent representations of regional gravestone carvings. The Holbrook Chapel, circa 1891, is significant for its charming vernacular example of Victorian eclectic architecture. Many early settlers and other people important in West Boylston's history are buried here, including Ezra Beaman, the father of West Boylston.

Recorded in the  
National Register of Historic Places  
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b    **New Boston Post Cane Recipient**

- The Town Clerk will submit a list of elderly residents to the Commission for review.
- Kim D. Hopewell will call Joseph's Jewelers in Leominster to make 6 cane pins for distribution.

c    **Inventory Forms**

- Nancy Barakian has been data entering information from the assessors property record cards into the access database
- Beverly Goodale will check with the MHC regarding the format of pictures, whether we have to use film or if the digital format would be acceptable

d.   **Wish list for supplies**

- The commission has been notified that the Municipal Assistant has set aside \$200 for supplies. The commission has approved a list of supplies for submission and purchase.

e    **Bicentennial Parade**

- Discussion ensued regarding the submission of a Historical float in the September Bicentennial Parade

**4- Next Meeting**

July 17, 2008 4 p.m. Town Clerk's Office

Respectively Submitted,

Kim D. Hopewell  
Historical Commissioner