

West Boylston Historical Commission
Meeting Minutes
November 20, 2008

Present: Bev Goodale, Neil Norum, Dennis Parker, Greg Zakarian, and Nancy Barakian.

The meeting was called to order at 4:15 p.m.

Nancy volunteered to fill in for Barbara as secretary.

This meeting was not posted in time so no votes will be taken today.

Old Business:

- A motion was made by Neil to accept the Oct. 16, 2008 minutes and seconded by Dennis. All were in favor of accepting the minutes as read.
- Town meeting follow up – Because the Demolition Delay Bylaw was not printed correctly in the town warrant, the Bylaw was passed over and will be presented at a future town meeting.
- Mount Vernon Cemetery - Bev sent a thank you note to Mr. Ed Balderelli for his assistance in putting up the National Register sign for the cemetery.

New Business:

The Commission received a grant of \$8,500.00 from the CPA to be used for the assessment of the cemetery.

- The commission may need to quotes, possible verbal to proceed.
- Bev will check with Mass Historical to see if they have a list of people who do this type of assessment.
- Members agreed that most problems may be just cleaning of the stones.
- Neil said that the Veteran's Admin. Will replace any stones that are too destroyed to fix.
- Info may be available by next meeting.

Bev received information from Mass. Historical Commission Preservation Fund announcing Round 15 of the Mass Preservation Projects Fund grant program.

- It was agreed by all that we should go for a grant possibly \$15,000.00. The deadline to apply is Feb. 20, 2009.
- There will be a meeting on January 8, 2009 at the Millbury Public Library.
- Members can go to the MHC web-site www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc for further information about the grant.
- Neil suggested that the commission should go to Boston to check out other grants that have been written and granted.

Neil has also received information on grants for solar lighting of historical places in town. He will bring this info to the next meeting.

Other Business:

- Kim will be recuperating for about two months.
- Neil went to the WPI archives and got more info on Victor Edwards. (They have a book on Morgan Co. and there is a sundial given by Victor Edwards at WPI.)
- Registry of deeds is now in the old Worc. Ctr. Galleria.
- Next meeting we will be able to work on Church St. and start tracing the maps.

The next meeting will be at 4p.m. on December 18, 2008 at the Society building.

Motion was made by Neil and seconded by Dennis to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Barakian, for Barbara Deschenes