

# Historical Commission

## Meeting Minutes

### March 26, 2009

**Members Present:** Beverly Goodale, Barbara Deschenes, Neil Norum, Kim D. Hopewell


Meeting called to order at 4:17 p.m.

**Meeting Minutes-** Upon a motion of Kim D. Hopewell and second by Neil Norum, it was unanimously voted to accept the Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes.

#### **Mary Cook CD-**

Kim is currently working on the introduction and adobe files to recognize the Text using OCR for searchable images. Because of the poor quality of the scans and background speckling the OCR lookup features on the Adobe do not function as anticipated. The user must scroll through the individual pages to retrieve data.

Users will be informed to use the Toolbar “Zoom” function to help to visualize the articles more clearly. You can also use the camera icon to crop out the desired section and import it to a “Word” program for printing.

You have to click the icon  move your mouse over to the area of the document you wish to extract, and drag the edges of the box around the area you want copied and click. A box will come up that states that the selected area has been copied to the clipboard. You then open the document you wish to append the text to, and click on the file dropdown, click “paste”.

This is an Example of text exported in this manner;



This extract can be enlarged by clicking inside the box and clicking and dragging the corner circle to the desired size.

Once all the data is ready for the CD introduction and instruction, they will be burnt onto disc, labeled and ready to sell.

**Jacob Winn Demolition, 77 Lancaster St.** - Bronan Simon, State Historic Preservation Officer for the Massachusetts Historical Commission received a letter dated Feb. 6, 2009 from Jack Murray, Deputy Commissioner for Park Operations for the DCR. This letter was in regards to the DCR's desire to demolish the Jacob Winn House at 77 Lancaster St. MHC# WBY.48.

The Massachusetts Historical Commission has stated in their response that the Jacob Winn House is on the Inventory of Historic and Archaeological Assets of the Commonwealth and is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. They are requesting that the DCR submit photographs and detailed summaries of their concerns regarding the deterioration of the building along with a sketch of the property. This feasibility analysis may call for repairs rather than the demolition of the building. The MHC also requested that all copies of all reports be submitted to the Historical Commission for review and filing as well. (A copy of this letter is amended to these minutes.)

**Openshaw Property, N Main St-** A site-walk is scheduled for April 2nd at 4 p.m. for the Historical Commissioners to view the barn and address any concerns regarding the proposed demolition of the barn and removal of artifacts.

Beverly will look into asking Preservationist Thomas Petty to look into this matter and possibly salvage any desired material.

**CPA Grants-** All projects submitted to the Community Preservation Committee were approved and modified for submission at the May 19th Annual Town Meeting. These include submissions from the Town Clerk, Beaman Memorial Library and the Housing Partnership.

**New Business-**

- Edgar Whitcomb Award- presented at the Historical Society Annual Meeting on May 6th at the Manor Restaurant. Recipient of this award is tabled for further consideration of nominees.
- CPA Grant regarding the Historical Society Glass Negatives- The first batch was sent out and Neil is on top of this project and will keep the Commission updated on the progress

**Other Business-** None

Date for Next Meeting- April 23rd, 4 p.m., Historical Society

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim D. Hopewell  
Historical Commissioner