

Historical Commission Meeting Minutes

May 28, 2009

Members Present

Neil Norum, Barbara Deschenes, Greg Zakarian, Nancy Barakian, Kim D. Hopewell and Beverly Goodale

Acceptance of minutes

Motion to accept minutes of the April 16th Historical Commission meeting was made by Neil Norum, second by Greg Zakarian, vote taken and unanimously approved.

Old Business-

Rail Trail- At the April meeting, Brenda Bowman had discussed her dismay at the DCR's request to transfer a parcel of land on Prospect St. for River Rd. and the Rail Trail properties. She requested that the commission support her in her pursuit to advise both the Board of Selectmen and the DCR against the proposed swap. Her concerns were taken under advisement. The Commission has surmised that although we understand her concerns, this does not fall under the jurisdiction of the Historical Commission.

Mary Cook CD's

The digitization project is completed. Kim will purchase a cd stomper and labels to prepare the cd's for sale.

Mount Vernon Cemetery and FEMA Funds-

Storm Damage to Mt. Vernon Cemetery- Fannin and Lehner Preservation Consultants Mixie and Jim ^{Fannin}Lehner are scheduled to begin repair grave stones and monument repair at the Mount Vernon Cemetery on July 13th. Affected trees will also be addressed. The estimated damage to the Cemetery was \$7,000.

CPA Proposal-

After the repair of the cemetery, the ^{firm}Lehners' will prepare documentation for submission for the Community Preservation Committee Grant for FY 10. It is estimated that the Commission will request approximately \$15,000 to continue its preservation work at the cemetery.

Edgar Whitcomb II Award

William Merritt was presented the award at the Historical Society Annual Meeting at the Manor Restaurant by Chairperson Beverly Goodale, Commissioners Barbara Deschenes, Nancy Barakian and Kim D. Hopewell.

Budget

- a. The Historical Commission is not funded in the FY 10 budget
- b. Fund balances; as of 6-09 \$597.62, and a balance of \$1,637.90 in the building fund

New Business-

Town Wide Inventory-

Commissioners Hopewell and Barakian will begin work on the Church Street parcels. This grouping will also include the Library as well as the Snow houses. Commissioner Zakarian will get background information on the Odd Fellows parcel, as he is a member of that establishment.

Demolition Delay Bylaw-

Commissioner Deschenes will forward the revised copy of the Demo-bylaw for discussion and inclusion in the October Town Meeting. A new public hearing will be held to be in compliance with the Towns General Bylaws.

Reminder-

Historical Society yard sale scheduled for June 13th 8:30-2:00. Rain date June 14th.

Next Meeting-

June 25, 2009- Historical Society, 4 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,