

Heath Historical Commission

Sawyer Hall, Monday, September 14, 2009

Minutes

*Present:* Carol-Anne Eldridge, Jan Carr, Nina Marshall, Eric Grinnell, Margaret Freeman, Pegge Howland

*Absent:* Bill Lattrell

1. *Approval of Minutes for September 14<sup>th</sup>.* Minutes were reviewed and approved.
2. *Reports on assignments from last meeting.*
  - a) Paperwork for Select Board. Margaret Freeman presented membership details and members provided corrections as requested. Nina Marshall agreed to revising the document.
  - b) Paperwork for State Commission. Members reviewed the Local Historical Commission Update form. Margaret Freeman will complete the form, update as necessary, check with the group as necessary, and then send it in.
  - c) Material storage. Eric Grinnell discussed efforts to acquire more space, and committed to continuing to explore the availability of the second box for our records. He will continue to try to get additional space.
  - d) Rack card. Margaret reported on the successful printing of 100 copies of the card for \$151.94. An error was noted on the spelling of Carol Anne's name, hence if the card is to be reprinted this will be corrected. Margaret apologized for the error.
3. *Schedule of Activities and Assignments.* It was agreed that all members would continue working on the inventory plan, and that in addition each person would pick a special project. Furthermore, the following issues were discussed:
  - a) Inventories – it was noted that one can get a history of deeds on line, however, Margaret tried the Mass Registry of Deeds but found that one needs a page # from the book of deeds. Therefore it appears that one actually must visit the Greenfield office of deeds. It was agreed that Margaret and Eric Grinnell would attempt to set up a meeting at the Greenfield office to get help in accessing deeds and information.
  - b) Heritage Landscapes (Bill and Carol Anne) – Carol Anne handed out information on heritage landscapes, and discussion focused on restrictions that might result, which could be regarded as problematic by the town. It was noted that action on this should be done in collaboration with the Planning Board. It was noted that there are inventory forms, and that these can include objects, such as cemeteries. Jan Carr noted that Newland Smith did document some of the cemeteries in Heath

- c) Materials – discussion focused on the materials that could be used to publicize Heath history, and the group reviewed the HHC mission statement. Eric Grinnell agreed to review it and revise it to be more passionate. Pegge noted that she has a disk with all the addresses of people to contact for each house (in the inventory book), while Margaret returned to Eric a disk of photos of all the houses.

4. *Session on preparing inventories.* This session was postponed until the next meeting, so that Bill Lattrell could attend.

5. *Discussion of grants.* It was decided to postpone this discussion, and to look at what might be possible for continuing the grant received several years ago for the inventory.

6. *New business.*

- a) the HHC has a mailbox. Members were advised that they can check it on occasion, but that only the Chairperson can go behind the counter to pick up the mail.
- b) Oral histories – Jan Carr discussed a possible initiative to collect oral histories, and noted that it should be a priority. There is a government pamphlet on the topic. Nina Marshall agreed to look for it on the internet.

7. *Date of next meeting.* The next meeting was scheduled for October 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm, at Sawyer Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nina Marshall". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Nina Marshall