

Pepperell Historical Commission
Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 19, 2011
Town Hall, Pepperell

Members present: Ron Karr, Diane Cronin, Frank Kiluk, Dean Johnson

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Chairperson Diane Cronin.

The minutes from the meeting of May 16 (as amended) and July 18 were approved.

For the further updating of the Commission's Web Site, Diane will secure a photo of the house recently demolished on South Rd. to add to the Vanishing Pepperell section

Town Clerk Jeff Sauer is helping the PHC make transcriptions of some historic documents from the Revolutionary era, such as notice of the Declaration of Independence correspondence with Boston, and notice of a 1774 flag (perhaps one of the first in New England?) to add to our web site.

Photos in the Town Landmarks section of the site will be resized, and biographical information relating to the soldiers commemorated on the Bunker Hill Memorial, compiled by Frank, will be added.

For now, access to the website will continue to be made through Jeff Sauer.

Ron suggested using Google Analytics to track site use by the public.

The Inventory of Historical Records undertaken by the PHC now includes returns from the Office of the Town Clerk and the Historical Commission itself.

The attempt to place the Prescott House on the National Register is proceeding; Frank showed a portrait of what Col. Prescott may have looked like.

The Pepperell Living History project has conducted well-attended sessions on the town in the 1930s, World War II, and the mid-Twentieth century

The effort to have the new Mill Street Bridge dedicated as the Veterans Memorial Bridge appears to have the support of the VFW.

The Commemorative Road Names, as suggested by the PHC, has been adopted by the Planning Board and made part of their regulations.

The plan to obtain Rail Trail Signage in Railroad Square, to call attention to the covered bridge and Col. Prescott, cannot be supported by the Covered Bridge Committee at this time because of a shortage of funds, but they might become available next spring. The PHC agreed to postpone efforts to secure the signage until then.

In New Business, Dean is making photographs of early graves in the Pepperell Cemetery to add to the website.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 7, 2011, at 7:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Ron Karr
Clerk