

Sunderland Historical Commission
Meeting Minutes
March 25, 2009

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Linda Lopatka, Chair at 7:05 P. M.
Present: Steve Schneider, Cindy Hubbard, Linda Lopatka, and Helen Clark.

II. Minutes of the December meeting

The minutes of the meeting, December 10, 2008, were accepted as corrected without objection.

III. Old Business

A. Status of Scholar-in-Residence Grant Application

Linda received notification that the funding for the grant had been approved in the amount of \$2862. However, funding does not include the audio tour for bicyclists due to safety concerns. A copy of the material received is attached to the official minutes. Marla Miller and Niki Lefebvre will be invited to the regularly scheduled Commission meeting April 15, 2009.

B. CPA

Helen reported on the 5 meetings held by CPA since mid-December. A report of the findings by the committee was presented to the Select Board. It was decided by unanimous vote to: 1. proceed with town meeting warrant article and vote; 2. set a 3% surcharge; 3. exempt low income and first \$100,000 of property value. No exemptions for industrial and commercial property. A public hearing attended by about 30 residents was held. Suggestions by those attending were considered by the committee in making the above recommendations. Past expenses covered by the town that may have qualified for CPA funds was also discussed.

C. Energy Audit of December 10, 2008

The report is not available at this time.

D. DRC's Heritage Landscape Inventory Program

Tabled.

E. Historical Commission Membership

There is no new information on this issue.

IV. New Business

A. Hadley 350th Celebration

The Historical Commission will assist the town in getting historical information/facts for any project undertaken.

B. Sunderland Economic Development Meeting

A meeting for Sunderland Economic Development will be held March 31, 2009.

The Committee will present a student study of areas in town where light industrial

Sunderland Historical Commission
Meeting Minutes
May 6, 2009

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Linda Lopatka, Chair, at 7:05 P. M.
Present: Cindy Hubbard, Carolyn Herrick, Tom Herrick, Linda Lopatka, and
Helen Clark. Guests: Niki Lefebvre, Marla Miller.
Absent: Steve Schneider.

II. Scholar In Residence Project—North Sunderland and Connecticut River

Niki Lefebvre and Marla Miller were introduced to the Commission members.
The project: plans and time frame were discussed. A work-in-progress
meeting will be held Wednesday, June 17th at the GML, hopefully with TV
coverage. Landowners, town committee members and others will be invited
for input into the project. The primary audience will be families with
children, visitors to town and interested town people. The time frame for the
creation of the kiosk at the town rest area on Route 47 is of concern to this
project. Niki and Marla will be touring the area and were given maps to
follow. They will also meet with Mike Walunus to review materials the
Swampfield Historical Society might have regarding this area. Questions
regarding the type of materials and technology to use were discussed and will
be addressed again in the future. Another question to be decided after talking
with cyclists and other interested people is whether the tour route should be a
loop or up and back design.

III. Minutes of the March meeting

The minutes of the March 25, 2009 meeting were approved as written.

IV. Old Business

A. CPA Status

The CPA was approved at Town Meeting and will go forward.

B. Hadley 350th Celebration

A town float will be entered in the parade. Linda provided the committee
with the name of the person who supplied costumes for the Ghosts of
Sunderland.

C. Sunderland Economic Development

A meeting will be held May 12th at 7:30 regarding zoning.

D. Main Street Tree Fund

The fund is close to the maximum amount of money available that can be
spent.

E. H. C. Membership

Two members can be added to the commission.

V. New Business

A. Requests For Historical Information

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June 17, 2009

The following people attended the Commission meeting June 17, 2009.
Steve Schneider, Cindy Hubbard, Helen Clark, and Linda Lopatka, members.
Guests: Marla Miller, Niki Lefebvre from the Scholar in Residence Program; Dale Schlappi, Gary Briere, Virginia Richardson, and Marco Poletto, residents of North Sunderland.

Linda and Niki presented a power point on the scope of the project. The meeting was then opened up to discussion, stories, questions and concerns for the project. The residents provided insight, experiences, and particular locations to investigate. Maps were also studied.

At the close of the meeting enthusiasm was high.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Clark, Clerk

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Sunderland Historical Commission
Meeting Minutes
August 19, 2009

- I. Call to Order – 7:34 PM by Linda Lopatka, Chair
Present: Steve Schneider, Linda Lopatka, Cindy Hubbard, Tom Herrick, and Carolyn Herrick
Absent: Helen Clark,
- II. Minutes of May meeting approved as written.
Notes from June meeting reviewed and accepted as written.
(There was no meeting held in July)
- III. Motion was made and approved to reappoint Helen Clark to the commission for another three (3) years. Motion was made and approved to retain the same slate of officers for the commission – Chair – Linda Lopatka, Treasurer – Cindy Hubbard, and Clerk – Helen Clark.
- IV. Old Business:
 - Tree Fund – A letter was sent (by Will & Liz Sillin) to Main Street residence requesting funds to replenish the Tree Fund. To date over \$3,000 has been collected.
 - North Sunderland Tour project – Copies of the first draft written by the intern (Niki Lefebvre) was passed out for review. Any Feedback on content, comments or concerns should be sent to Linda ASAP. Final draft is due in mid-September. Depending upon when the draft is completed we may or may not have time to put something together for the fall festival.
 - 5th grade presentation was given on June 23rd this year. Students sent a note of appreciation.
 - Memorial book on Sunderland veterans is being put together for the town by the Veterans Committee. The Historical Commission was asked to provide information on the men who fought in the French and Indian Wars, Revolution and the Civil War. Linda Lopatka has provided the Veterans Committee with written material on all of the men from Sunderland who fought in these wars. The book is expected to be completed (the Veterans Committee is working on the modern wars – those after the Civil war) and presented to the town for Veterans Day this year.
 - Library Shelf / Local authors – we need to come up with a list of authors and work with the library to obtain copies of the material so that a display can be created.
 - FY10 budgets – The FY10 budget for the HC has been cut by 50%. Our budget is now \$200.00. The GML operating budget it now stands at \$4,040.00.
- V. New Business:
 - Heritage Landscape Inventory Program – Project awards are on hold as the state is awaiting budget for these projects.
 - Sunderland Poem – Tabled.

- Farm Survey – Copy of this survey was given to Cindy Hubbard to review and determine what we should do with the information.
- Fall Festival Booth – We will do a booth with Swampfield again this year.
- North Sunderland Historic District – residents of North Sunderland requested information on how to establish a Local Historical district.
- Franklin County Bikeway –The Bikeway committee is updating / creating maps. We provided them information regarding our historical tour of North Sunderland.
- HC Website – We need to update our website. Think about what we should have on it!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM

Sunderland Historical Commission
Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2009

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7 P. M. by Linda Lopatka, Chair.

Present: Steve Schneider, Cindy Hubbard, Linda Lopatka, and Helen Clark.

Absent: Tom Herrick and Carolyn Herrick.

II. Minutes of the August meeting

The minutes of the August 19, 2009 meeting were approved with correction.

III. Old Business

A. North Sunderland Project

Niki is finishing up the project. During the summer she met with the Schleppis, Mary Whitmore McClintock, and William Whitmore.

The project concentrates on the industry, agriculture and environment of the area. Motion made by Steve Schneider: "Authorize Linda to sign on behalf of the Commission the invoice for research project not to exceed \$3000." Motion passed.

B. Fall Festival

The Commission will have a booth at the Festival. It was voted to pay \$15 for the booth.

C. Heritage Landscape Inventory Plan

Sunderland has submitted a proposal which is currently "on hold" by the state.

D. Sunderland Poem

Helen will send Commission members the poem and research she did.

E. Farm Survey

Reference material compiled by a state survey is based on information accumulated in the bicentennial year of 1976. It will be kept in historical files. It could be used if we pursue work on farms of the past.

F. H.C. Website

Ideas for updating the link on the town website include: Ghosts of Sunderland, Sycamore Tree Presentation, Tour of North Sunderland, and the updated Main Street Tour.

G. Library Shelf

Preliminary plans were made to explore authors of Sunderland that could be featured with a designated shelf in the library.

H. Memorial book of Sunderland Veterans

This project is a work in progress. The finished book will be presented to the library.

IV. New Business

A. 1715 Platt of Sunderland

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Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2009

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Linda Lopatka, Chair at 7:10 P.M.
Present: Cindy Hubbard, Steve Schneider, Linda Lopatka, and Helen Clark.
Absent: Tom Herrick and Carolyn Herrick.

II. Minutes of the Meeting

The minutes of the September 16, 2009 meeting were accepted as amended.

III. Old Business

A. 1715 Platt of Swampfield

Linda received a copy of the 1715 Platt map of Swampfield. She has learned that there are 17 other maps of early vintage. Discussion followed about the possibility of having a map display for the 300th Anniversary.

B. Cultural Grant

A grant has been submitted to the Cultural Council. The subject of the grant request is Time Travel by Bike along the Connecticut River. A copy of the grant request is attached to the official minutes.

C. North Sunderland Project

Linda gave us newly edited pages. Suggestions were made to Linda to help her complete an evaluation form on the project. There are concerns in the North Sunderland community regarding tourists, traffic, etc. with this new attraction. The tour will be posted on UMass Public History website. The script will also be sent to Center of Educational Software at UMass. Suggestion was made that they link to our website.

D. Fall Festival

The Historical Commission plans did not materialize. In 2010 we will sponsor a bike tour of North Sunderland.

E. Historical Commission Website

This is an on-going project.

F. Library Shelf

This is an on-going project.

IV. New Business

A. Sears Homes in Sunderland

Research on Sears homes in Sunderland was discussed. No action taken at this time.

B. Historical Commission Mission

A copy of the mission is attached to the official minutes.

C. Other Business

The Emergency Preparedness group has made inquiries as to what plans The Historical Commission has in case of emergency.

Sunderland Historical Commission
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December 9, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 P. M. by Linda Lopatka, Chair.
Present: Carolyn Herrick, Tom Herrick, Cindy Hubbard, Steve Schneider, Linda Lopatka, and Helen Clark.

The minutes of the October 21, 2009 meeting were approved as written.

The Commission will submit a budget request of \$200 for the year 2011 for approval.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 P. M. in order to convene with the Swampfield Historical Society.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen F. Clark, Clerk

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