

Upton Historical Commission Meeting

September 17, 2015

The Upton Historical Commission (UHC) met at 7 pm on September 17, 2015 at Town Hall upper level meeting room. In attendance were Chairperson, Cathy Taylor, Vice-Chairperson, Joyce Heywood, members Donna Desjardins, Jim Brochu and George Patterson and Howie Glassman.

Minutes of August 27, 2015 Meeting. Minutes were approved unanimously with minor changes.

Treasurer's Report: Howie Glassman reported \$3,503.97 in the UHC Revolving account and \$822.52 in the expense account.

Massachusetts Preservation Conference (MPC) on August 14, 2015. Joyce attended MPC at Mechanics Hall in Worcester. She mentioned that a lot of relevant information was presented including "Where's the Money", a very interesting presentation that detailed projects for small historic buildings. Joyce plans to send links to the MPC website and other relevant information to UHC members.

Upton Heritage Day Oct 3rd. UHC Program planned including information booth, concert and trail walk at Upton Heritage Park. Outdoor AC power outlet still needed for Strong Eagle flute concert. Cathy to follow up with neighboring residents.

Demo Delay Preservation @3 Centennial Court. Discussion regarding providing Matt Connell (owner) with additional information about Historical preservation resources (i.e., Red Hawk Studios, Gorman, Richardson and Lewis in Hopkinton).

Demo Delay - Vote on "Preservation" of 2 Grove Street. Jim Brochu reiterated the Town's efforts, explored options and decision regarding purchasing 2 Grove for additional Upton Town Hall parking. Detailed discussion followed on the pros and cons including demo delay options (i.e., 6 and 9 month delays vs. 12 months) and its designation as a "contributing property" as part of the Upton National Historic District previous to the commission vote. The vote was held and a 6 month delay was approved; however there was one dissent vote. Upton resident Gordon Marquis in a written statement suggested to the UHC that archival photos, engineering drawings, etc. should be documented and preserved for 2 Grove Street regardless of the final outcome. A motion was unanimously approved for Cathy agreed to contact Stacia Caplanson at Mass Preservation to assist us with a visual inspection and preservation options discussion regarding 2 Grove Street and also follow through with CPC.

Elected Officers. A vote was taken to elect UHC officers. Cathy as President and Howie Glassman as treasurer (reconfirmed). Donna Desjardins was elected as Vice-Chairperson and the Secretary will be a rotating role among various members for taking meeting minutes. We will also explore trying to find a volunteer to attend and take meeting minutes every month. It was also decided to change the monthly meeting times to the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Conservation Restriction for Upton Heritage Park. The current UHP draft with Irene DelBono's (MHS) comments is CR is being reviewed and consolidated by the town's attorney. A clean and consolidated copy will be delivered by Town of Upton Counsel to the UHC for review at its' next meeting in October.

Status of Malcolm Pearson Missing Pot Sherd. Donna agreed to follow up on it with the town.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm – Howie Glassman