

Brookfield Historical Commission
Meeting Minutes – Thursday, 8/12/2010 `` 5:30 PM

Members in Attendance:

Ron Couture, Peg Puza, Bill Puza, Ann Mathieu

Minutes from previous meeting reviewed. Ann M. made motion to approve; Bill P. seconded.
Vote: 4 yeas / 0 nays

- ❖ Discussed framing for historical artifacts (Spooner door knocker, etc) . Will wait for Matt's input.
- ❖ Discussed materials that Ann M. supplied from the Aptucxet Trading Post Museum in Bourne, MA. Possible future field trip to the facility was considered
- ❖ Town Pound project – Boy Scouts expressed interest in doing the brush clean-up, with supervision of committee member. Bill volunteered to oversee. Will wait to hear from Scout troop about dates.
- ❖ Bannister Common & Mall Committee – Ron explained the federally funded improvements to be carried out by the Highway & Water Depts. The Historical Commission should stay involved to oversee preservation of the common/ consultation of historical architect.
- ❖ Discussed 2 letters from the State regarding CSX train and river bridge improvement projects at Rte. 148 and River St.. Ron will draft letter advising them to consult the Massachusetts Department of Conservation & Recreation's *Brookfield Reconnaissance Report* before moving forward. (Committee members were supplied with a copy of the full report for their future review & reference. Report is available online at www.mass.gov/dcr. Committee members will review Ron's letter before submission.
- ❖ Discussed elements of town's Master Plan, i.e., the town's rural aspect, abundant opportunities for waterway recreation, and interest in the town's rich history. Proposed bike path, hiking trails, nature walk, historical footpath plans are in keeping with the objectives of the Master Plan. May be concerns that the proposed reconstruction of both bridges may not be in keeping with those objectives.
- ❖ Next meeting scheduled for Weds. Sept. 8, 2010 @ 5:30 PM. Chairman will post. Meeting adjourned approximately 7 PM.

(Standard meeting time will revert to 2nd Thursday of the month @ 5:30 PM in the future)