

Brookfield Historical Commission

APPROVED Meeting Minutes Thursday, November 11th 2010, 5:30 PM @ Elm Hill Farm

Members in Attendance: Ron Couture, Bill Puza, Peg Puza, Ann Mathieu, Lois O'Leary

- **Minutes of last meeting** were reviewed. Lois motioned to approve; Ann seconded. Vote = 5 yeas / 0 nays.
- **Historical Commission Members** were given copies of binders with Town information for their review. Will help to bring members up to speed on important topics, past projects and areas for future preservation. Discussed different levels of designation for historic preservation, i.e., national, state, local jurisdictions. Members will be provided with the details.
- **New Mail / Correspondence:** None to report. No response yet on letter re. bridge project; work is underway.
- **Trail update:** Since last mtg., Bill & Ron walked the trail/military road & found that Buxton Hill area is too overgrown to clear by hand –will require heavy equipment. Will instead work on the portion off of Ret. 148.
- **Framing update:** Matt was not in attendance. Will wait till next mtg.
- **Cemetery update:** discussed restoration of gate & stonework. Work on a guide / directory to the cemetery is ongoing. Printing problem with the data – Pauline Merrick's research - that is currently on the town's website.
- **Civil War 150th Celebration:** No further correspondence yet from Worcester. Discussed possibility of re-dedicating monument, contacting reenactment group to participate. Perhaps an encampment, march from the common, etc. Will investigate the cost of getting 15th Regiment or other reenactment group to participate.
- **Elm Hill Tree-Lighting** Friday, December 10th @ 6:00 PM. Commission Members will attend; volunteering to provide refreshments, etc.
- **Brookfield Community Club Grant** – Discussed applying for a grant to fund a membership in Ancestry.com that Commission members can use to continue research on Brookfield citizens' genealogy. Peg made motion to approve the expense, Lois seconded. Vote 5 yeas / 0 nays
- **Massachusetts DCR Brookfield Reconnaissance Report:** Bill made a suggestion that we work toward going through the report & prioritizing projects based on the recommendations in the report; members agreed.

Meeting adjourned @ 7:30 PM

**Next Meeting – Thursday, December 9th, 2010 @ 5:30 PM – Elm Hill Farm;
Chairman will post**

