

BROOKFIELD HISTORICAL COMMISSION

6 CENTRAL STREET, THE TOWN HALL, BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS, 01506

May 15, 2008

Those Present: Pauline Merrick
Ron Couture
Patti White
Pat Capobianco
Matt Custer
Jeanne Eaton

1. Ron brought in a sample of the 350th roadway signs that are in the finishing stages.
2. ~~Five Hundred~~ ^{One Thousand} dollars has been awarded for the conservation of the Brookfield map, to cover backing, cleaning, etc.. The remainder of the budget dollars to go to building of a shadow-box and conservation glass for display.
3. Ron will speak to the Front Office or to Jim Hansen regarding repairs on the Historical space.
4. Pat C. is still taking photos for the Historic District books.
5. Volunteers spent a Saturday working in the cemetery cleaning and re-positioning some of the oldest gravestones with the Fannins, conservation experts. They and their ~~5-6~~ ⁵⁻⁶ were impressed with the overall condition of the cemetery's stones.
6. The Artist's Guild may assist us in the repainting of the large "welcome to Brookfield" signs, which have become faded. We will each adopt one of these and keep up with the landscaping.
7. We discussed a possible marker for the historic Bannister house.
8. The little house next to the Town Pound will be researched and locate the deed and who was the first resident.
9. Mr. Cox, archivist, Ron and Linda Lincoln will have the town's vital records scanned. They'll be working on a Grant to do this.
10. Patti White has agreed to take over Pauline's position as President. chairman

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April 10, 2008

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1. Map Restoration: Pat Capobianco requested \$1,000 at the special town meeting to help cover cost of repairs.
2. Computer supplies purchased that include: CD's, binders, archival pockets, etc..
3. ~~Historic~~ ^{Heritage} Landscape Tour: Report will be ready in two weeks.

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1. Supplies to be purchased for projects, i.e. flash drive and external hard drive.
2. Town records will be copied with the assistance of Mr. Cox, archivist from Amherst. His help is free except for supplies. He will document Elm Hill.
3. Wall Map - We have voted to go ahead with the restoration.
4. A committee will be formed to review the landscaping on the Common. Some discussion rejoining the Cultural Council with the Historical Commission on this plan. Ron will see about getting the manual that refers to "landscaping town commons". Then we'll put together a committee and possibly involve the Garden Club.
5. We discussed the Heritage Landscape meeting held on 2/28, which proved to be very successful.

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February 14, 2008

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1. The flash drives and external hard drive is ready to be picked up.
2. We have the grant to clean the gravestones and the Fannéns, experts in gravestone conservation have been engaged to do the work. We're getting an estimate on the gate repair and sign at the entrance to read "Brookfield Historical Burying Ground", etc.. Martha Lyon will check with us in the spring.
3. Some discussion was had re the ball to be held in W. Brookfield possibly on N. Y. Eve, which raises many questions, weather, etc..
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4. Ron has talked with Betsy Friberg re designating the Lake Street district as a historic district. The Jepson family would be involved.
5. The historic wall map of Brookfield that was donated to us is being retored, the cost is approximately \$1,000 to \$1500.
6. Landscape Preservation meeting to be held on 2/28 to work on preparing an inventory of historical artifacts, sites, individual houses, agricultural sites, farms and special places in town to make our residents more aware of our local history.
7. A large wooden sign from a business in town (H. C. Fairbanks) that may have sold teas and herbs has been donated to our collection.