

Historic District Commission Minutes

May 21, 2002

Attending: Barbara Hill, Barbara Myers, Gail Pare, Winnie Welch, Jan Stuart, Laura Coleman

Absent: Suzie Carmichel, Pam Blevins

4:05 PM Minutes of April 23, 2002 were approved as correct. Lynn Hinchee is the lawyer for the PDA.

At this time, the educational unit of the Apple Orchard Project is being tried in the Newington Elementary School during their Celebrate Newington Week. Six students have adopted relic apple tree to investigate their history, interview property owners, take measurements and to experiment with collecting disease free apples for identification. Barbara Hill, Laura Coleman, Ellen Marlatt and Shawn Looser, a teacher, are supervising the project with the students.

Cos, had a 5 minute meeting with Carol Murray, DOT Commissioner, regarding the Bloody Point Depot Station. Phil Myles has met with Charles Smart, Newington Building Inspector to discuss how the DOT will secure the area. Myles has said he is finishing up the temporary use agreement that will be available soon.

There has been no progress with the PDA regarding the Old Town Forest.

John Frink has received a grant from the Agricultural Bill to repair his barn which is on the National Register of Historic Places.

A storage box and tissues have arrived to store the USS Texas flag. The flag will be kept in the Historical Society's storage room at the Old Town Hall until needed. The Selectmen will reimburse Barbara Hill for the storage materials, costing \$44.90.

Gail Pare reported that the Open Space Committee had determined that membership would consist of only representatives from the Conservation Committee, The Historic District Commission, the Planning Board and the Selectmen. There would be no members from the public.

Recently the Pickering graveyard, located between the Malls was vandalized. Tom Lavigne, Fox Run Mall Manager has arranged with some contractors to contribute clearing around the cemetery. He has also collected \$800 for the repairs to the stones in the graveyard. Charlie Smart and Barbara Hill have been designated to oversee the repairs and restoration of the graveyard. This graveyard was deeded to the Town of Newington and with \$2500 for perpetual care in 1993. The Selectmen will notify the Cemetery Committee of their responsibility to maintain the graveyard along with other old abandoned graveyards not on private property.

5:15 PM Adjourn.

Next Meeting: June 18, 2002 at the Old Town Hall

Barbara Hill, Recorder