

Historic District Commission Minutes

June 18, 2002

Attending: Barbara Myers, Barbara Hill, Jan Stuart, Laura Coleman, Suzie Carmichel, Pam Blevins

Absent: Gail Pare, Winnie Welch

4:05 PM Minutes of May 21, 2002 were approved as read.

Since Jan Stuart had to leave, there was a discussion about the repair of the Pickering cemetery at the Newington Mall. So far, the brush has been cut around the cemetery and the stonewall has been repaired. Union Granite and Marble Co. has submitted a proposal to the Selectmen to repair the gravestones and the fence for \$1500. The Selectmen have asked for more detail about the repairs. The HDC reviewed Mr. Abbott's proposal to remove the tree, seed the plat and erect a single monument. However, the HDC expressed a preference to have the graveyard repaired as much as possible to the way it was and to omit the chain link fence. Sections of RSA 289, relating to cemeteries, were reviewed to determine the town's responsibility for the maintenance of abandoned burial grounds.

The Selectmen will have a work session at which the care and maintenance of abandoned burial grounds will be discussed. The HDC recommended that the Newington Historical Society resume the role of supervision of the maintenance of these burial grounds with a determined budget from the town. Since 1952 the Newington Historical Society has kept records listing the burials at the sites and recording information regarding the changes.

It was voted to renew the Newington Historic District membership in the Preservation Alliance for \$50. This is an annual budget item for the HDC.

There was discussion and approval of a letter of June 7, 2002 to Gil Rogers, NHDOT Assistant Commissioner, requesting a field investigation of the Bloody Point Historic District including NHHPO and the Newington Selectmen.

The current CLG grant application has been changed so Nancy Bibbins sent a revised application for the Selectmen's signature to be sent to the Attorney General's office in Concord. The current apple project will continue as planned. The school project adopting an apple tree has been completed with the bagging of the growing apples except for collecting the apples in the fall.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:10 PM.

Barbara Hill
Recorder