

Newington Historic District Commission – AGENDA

October 13, 2020, 9:30 a.m.

Location to be determined

Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike Marconi Member (2020) • Jo Haskell Alternate (2023) • John Lamson Member (2021) • Peggy Lamson Member (2023) • Katie Moody Alternate (2023) • Lulu Pickering Member (2023) • Becky St. Germaine Alternate (2023) • Kristen Poulin Alternate (2023) • Alan Wilson Member (2022)
General Sullivan Bridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To discuss the next steps in the historic mitigation process under Section 106. Most recent NH DOT proposal is attached. • Impact on Historic District zoning regulations.
CLG grant notice	Letter of Intent from NH DHR about the 2020 grant cycle.
Railroad Depot / Old Stone School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These two buildings are most at risk of Newington’s historic resources. • What can reasonably be done?
Status historic districts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on email discussions with Stephen C. Buckley, legal services counsel of the NH Municipal Association. • All municipally owned land and buildings are outside the Historic District Regulations of the Newington Zoning Ordinance. • In a nutshell, both of our historic districts are virtually exempt from HDC oversight because of town and state ownership.
2020 project update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The town crew removed the stumps behind the Old Stone School, dug out the roots, and raked the area. Next steps? • Stumps still remain behind the old parsonage and in front of the old stone school • The town crew removed the arborvitae stumps behind the veterans’ monuments, graded, seeded, and watered. They also trimmed back many of the overhanging limbs behind the cannons to help protect their new paint surfaces and allow sun and air to enter. Project complete. • The tree cutting proposal in the south division of the cemetery along the stone wall behind the library is too large a project for the town crew to handle. Next steps? We had requested \$10,000 for this project; the money went into the selectmen’s budget.

Approve minutes	Minutes of September 9, 2020 meeting attached.
Approve CLG report	Draft CLG annual report attached.
Next year budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The HDC budget is due by Oct. 19th and will be discussed with the selectmen on Oct. 26th. • Preliminary discussions agreed to a basic budget of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$3,000 special project \$1,000 document processing and archiving \$ 500 artifacts and Historic Newington hangings \$ 300 operating expenses

Lulu Pickering
HDC Member
October 9, 2020

NEWINGTON-DOVER 11238S
SECTION 106 – DRAFT MITIGATION STIPULATIONS
SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

Potential mitigation for the loss of the GSB was discussed throughout the Section 106 process, and a list of ideas was updated periodically as input was provided. After the Adverse Effects Memo was signed on January 2, 2020, there were two meetings among NHDOT, NHDHR, FHWA, ACOE, and the Consulting/Interested Parties that focused exclusively on developing mitigation for adverse effects resulting from the project. These meetings were held on January 9 and 24, 2020.

While the final list of stipulations to be included in a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) requires additional research, and public input following the publication of the draft SEIS, the following mitigation measures relate directly to the adverse effects resulting from the project, and have broad support among most of the agencies and Consulting/Interested Parties.

A. Marketing the GSB

- i. NHDOT shall market the bridge for re-use in compliance with 23 USC Section 144. The structure shall be marketed to the public for relocation with preservation and/or maintenance covenants as agreed to by NHDOT, NHDHR, and FHWA. NHDOT, in consultation with NHDHR and FHWA, shall develop a notice to include, at a minimum, the following:
 - a. A description of the structure;
 - b. Notice that the bridge is eligible for the National Register for its engineering significance;
 - c. Notice that NHDOT will transfer the structure with consideration for the offer that best protects the historic integrity of the bridge; and
 - d. Notice of the requirement that the bridge will be transferred subject to covenants regarding its preservation and maintenance in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings*.
- ii. The contents of the advertisements, the publications in which they appear, and the frequency of publication shall be approved by NHDHR and FHWA. The advertising period shall last a minimum of 60 days.
- iii. If marketing has not been successful after a period of 30 days from the first day of advertisement, NHDHR and FHWA may approve the conveyance of the structure without preservation and maintenance covenants. On such approval, notice of the restrictive covenants may be removed from the advertisements.
- iv. If efforts to market the bridge are unsuccessful, final bid and construction documents shall be completed to specify demolition and disposal of the bridge.

B. Documentation of the GSB

- i. NHDOT shall ensure that the bridge is recorded prior to demolition or relocation, in accordance with the Historic American Engineering Record (HAER) standards.
- ii. The documentation shall be completed by a 36 CFR 61-qualified Architectural Historian.
- iii. The documentation shall follow the guidelines available at <https://www.nps.gov/hdp/standards/haerguidelines.htm>, using the version noted below or subsequent updates, whichever is more recent at the time of documentation:

- a. Report: NHDHR shall determine whether the documentation will follow the “short format” report or the “outline format” for engineering structures described in the HAER guidelines (updated 2017).
 - b. Photography: to follow the guidelines for the HABS/HAER/HALS programs (updated 2015). Photographs shall consist of archival, large-format black and white 4x5” photographs of the superstructure, substructure, relationship of the bridge to its setting, and engineering/aesthetic details.
 - c. Drawings: to follow the HAER drawing guidelines. Original and historic construction plans shall be included as archival copies, or photographed as archival large-format black and white 4x5” photographs.
 - d. The final HAER package shall meet the requirements for HAER documentation transmittal (updated January 2020).
- iv. A digital draft of the HAER documentation shall be submitted to NHDHR for a review and comment period of 45 days.
 - v. After addressing NHDHR comments, NHDOT shall provide a draft digital copy to NPS for review, on behalf of FHWA.
 - vi. One final copy of the completed HAER documentation shall be submitted to NPS by NHDOT.
 - vii. One archival copy of the final documentation shall be produced by NHDOT for NHDHR, which will provide an electronic copy through the EMMIT online interface.
 - viii. One archival hard copy of the final documentation shall be provided to each of the City of Dover and the Town of Newington for storage at an appropriate local repository. Electronic copies shall be provided to each municipality for use at additional repositories and online accessibility.
 - ix. An electronic copy shall be provided to additional Consulting/ Interested Parties, upon request.

C. NHDOT Bridge Inventory and Bridge Management Plan – Promotion and Accessibility

- i. NHDOT, in coordination with NHDHR, shall integrate the finalized bridge inventory into the EMMIT online database and mapping tool.
- ii. NHDOT shall ensure that promotion of the finalized bridge management plan includes a broad range of internal and external outreach to engineers, municipalities, state DOT employees, and the public. Outreach and educational efforts may include:
 - a. Session(s) at the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) annual conference
 - b. Session(s) at the New Hampshire Municipalities Association (NHMA) annual conference
 - c. Internal training for NHDOT employees and its consultants
 - d. Regional workshop for engineers, including representatives from other state DOTs regarding their own state’s efforts to maintain historic bridges.
 - e. Potential workshop and session partnerships with NHDHR, the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance, and the Association for Preservation Technology International.

D. Interpretive Program

- i. NHDOT and/or its consultant shall develop an interpretive program centered around the historic significance of the GSB. The following elements have general support among the Consulting/ Interested Parties and may be included in the interpretive program:
 - a. On-Site Interpretive Panels – NHDOT shall fund and oversee between three (3) and five (5) interpretive panels located at the bridge crossing, including locations at, but not limited to, Bloody Point in Newington and Hilton Park in Dover. The panels shall convey the transportation history of the Little Bay crossing (ferries, trains, and autos) and the GSB’s role in this timeline, and the engineering significance of the GSB.

- The work shall be overseen by an Architectural Historian qualified under 36 CFR 61. Consultation on the content of the panels shall be between NHDOT, NHDHR, the Historic Bridge Foundation, the Town of Newington, and the City of Dover.
 - After preparation of a draft layout based on this consultation, NHDHR shall have 30 days to review and comment on the text/layout of the displays.
 - If deemed feasible, the interpretive signs may be accompanied by salvaged elements of the GSB, and/or a QR code linking to additional online content.
- b. NHDOT shall develop a portable (“traveling”) display to convey the significance of the GSB, on the theme of Fay, Spofford & Thorndike’s four early prototypical continuous truss bridges: the Lake Champlain Bridge between Crown Point, NY and Chimney Point, VT; the GSB; and bridges over the Cape Cod Canal in Bourne and Sagamore, MA. The display shall contain at a minimum an interpretive panel or similar unit with interpretive text and images/figures. Additional components of the display may include a video display of additional images, a drone flyover of the GSB, and an ArcGIS StoryMap focused on the history and evolution of the GSB crossing over the Little Bay.
- The work shall be overseen by an Architectural Historian qualified under 36 CFR 61. Consultation on the content of the interpretive text and images shall be between NHDOT, NHDHR, the Historic Bridge Foundation, the Town of Newington, and the City of Dover.
 - After preparation of a draft layout of the interpretive panel/unit, NHDHR shall have 30 days to review and comment on the text/layout of the displays.
 - Additional components may be developed independently by NHDOT and/or its consultant. These may be added as other components of the interpretive plan are executed, or according to the limitations/capacity of each venue.
 - After development of the travelling display, ownership will be turned over to the NHDHR, the City, Town, or other group.
- ii. The following potential elements of the interpretive plan require further research and development to determine their feasibility and appropriateness:
- a. A book with an expanded treatment of photos and accounts of the construction of the GSB, an expansive discussion of the national engineering significance of the bridge, and photographs from its demolition.
 - b. A crowd-sourced photograph project, such as an ArcGIS StoryMap, providing a platform for the public to submit personal photos that show the bridge and/or the crossing, accompanied by dates, names, and memories of the occasion of the photos. Submissions may be made via an online portal set up and promoted by NHDOT, and on-site photo scanning workshops in the City of Dover and Town of Newington.
 - c. A film documentary about Fay, Spofford & Thorndike’s four early prototypical continuous truss bridges, including information on why this set of bridges was so influential, how the firm adjusted its approach at each location, and the context of each bridge. The film may be posted online and screened in person at various locations accompanied by the traveling exhibit.

E. Rehabilitation of the Newington Railroad Depot and Toll House and State-Owned Land on Bloody Point

- i. NHDOT shall support the Town of Newington (through its Historic District Commission) in the rehabilitation of the state-owned portion of the Newington Depot property, including the land on which the building is located, according to the Secretary of the Interior’s *Standards for*

Rehabilitation. NHDOT shall provide direct financial support to the Town of Newington for the rehabilitation of the Newington Depot property up to \$X, to be expended on the following items:

- a. Engage a consultant to prepare a building assessment of the Newington Depot, identifying extant character-defining features and which potential future uses are able to support the retention of these historic features. An electronic copy of the final assessment shall be provided to NHDOT, NHDHR, and the Town of Newington.
 - b. Development of a land master plan and rehabilitation plan for the Newington Depot property based on the results of the building assessment.
- ii. NHDOT shall continue discussions about the feasibility of transferring ownership of the property to the Town of Newington. If a mutual agreement cannot be reached, NHDOT shall market the property for sale with a historic preservation covenant, to be held by NHDHR, requiring rehabilitation by the future owner that meets the *Standards for Rehabilitation*, to be overseen and approved by NHDHR as holder of the covenant.

The following potential stipulation has general support among the Section 106 participating agencies and Consulting/ Interested Parties, but requires more coordination and review before a final decision regarding its inclusion can be made.

F. Dover Recreational Trail

- i. NHDOT shall coordinate with the City of Dover to evaluate the feasibility of constructing a link between the existing community trail on the former rail bed of the Newington-Dover Branch line and the new bridge to be constructed on the site of the GSB. If a plan for the trail can be mutually agreed upon, NHDOT shall determine the nature and extent of support the agency can provide for the undertaking.

Additional stipulations may be considered and included in the final MOA based on continuing input.



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Certified Local Government Grant Program

INTENT TO APPLY

Submit the Letter of Intent to: tiffany.provost@dncr.nh.gov

Municipality: _____ **Contact Name:** _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Anticipated Grant Request: _____

- Under which program priority area does your project fall.
 - Priority I (100% Funded; no match required)
 - National Register of Historic Places Nomination
 - Historic Resource Survey/Inventory
 - Archaeological Survey
 - Other
 - Priority I (60% Funded; 40% match required)
 - Preservation Planning (i.e. design guidelines, Master Plan chapter, etc.)
 - Public awareness and education programs
 - Priority II (60% Funded; 40% match required)
 - Pre-development planning for National Register-listed properties that are municipally owned (Historic Structures Reports, engineering and architectural plans, etc.)
 - Priority III (60% Funded; 40% match required)
 - Development (bricks and mortar) for National Register-listed properties that are municipally owned
- By checking this box I understand that all work must meet the [Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties](#).

- Briefly explain your project idea and your plan to implement it:



Newington Historic District Commission – draft MINUTES

September 9, 2020, 10:00 a.m.

Working Meeting followed by budget discussions

Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> √ Mike Marconi Member (2020) √ Jo Haskell Alternate (2023) John Lamson Member (2021) √ Peggy Lamson Member (2023) √ Katie Moody Alternate (2023) √ Lulu Pickering Member (2023) Becky St. Germaine Alternate (2023) Kristen Poulin Alternate (2023) √ Alan Wilson Member (2022)
Nimble Hill Road Safety Lane	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eric Weinrieb of Altus Engineering designed the route based on surveying done by David Hislop of Knight Hill Land Surveying Services. • The selectmen requested comments from members of the HDC, cemetery trustees, safety lane committee, and library trustees about the proposed path of the bike lane through the historic district. • All decisions will be made by the selectmen based on the comments received.
Current year budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The current HDC budget remains frozen by the selectmen until mid November, when they will be in a better position to judge year end revenues.
Next year budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The HDC budget is due by Oct. 19th and will be discussed with the selectmen on Oct. 26th. • Preliminary discussions agreed to a basic budget of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$3,000 special project \$1,000 document processing and archiving \$ 500 artifacts and Historic Newington hangings \$ 300 operating expenses

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CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT ANNUAL REPORT

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Newington, NH

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- This Annual Report is required to be filed by each CLG.
- This Annual Report covers the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) which runs October 1- September 30.
- This Annual Report is **due by October 31**.

1. **New or revised ordinance or commission regulations? (Y or N):** No

Explain: If yes, please attach the new document(s)

2. **New or revised guidelines or rules of procedure? (Y or N):**

Explain: If yes, please attach the new document(s)

Rather than schedule monthly meetings, the HDC will meet as needed for official business. In the meantime, a list of projects was agreed for the year with different members working on different projects.

3. **Please provide a current list of commission members. Please indicate the names of new commission members appointed in during the FFY and attach their bio/resume that is on file with the commission:**

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| • Mike Marconi | Member (2020) | New selectmen member |
| • Jo Haskell | Alternate (2023) | New community member |
| • John Lamson | Member (2021) | |
| • Peggy Lamson | Member (2023) | Past member, rejoined |
| • Katie Moody | Alternate (2023) | New community member |
| • Lulu Pickering | Member (2023) | |
| • Becky St. Germaine | Alternate (2023) | New community member |
| • Kristen Poulin | Alternate (2023) | New community member |
| • Alan Wilson | Member (2022) | |

Jo Haskell

November 2020 will mark Jo's 21st anniversary as a Newington resident. She believes Newington is a hidden gem, and she loves to live in a community so near everything but, rural enough to have cow farms, fields, forests, and the beautiful, magnificent bays. Originally from Pennsylvania, where she was educated as a teacher, Jo has taught and worked as an educational consultant her entire career. Now, in retirement



she continues teaching piano lessons and music (part time) at two area Montessori schools. Jo currently is a photographer for the quarterly newsletter, the *Newington Neighbor*, and she wants to do her part to share information and preserve the historical resources in town.

Margaret Lamson

Peggy Lamson has lived in Newington since 1971. She was Newington's first female selectman and, in the past, served on numerous town boards (cemetery, conservation, planning), including the Historic District Commission. Peggy was the town's health officer for a number of years and has been a member of the Pease Development Authority and the Pease Restoration Advisory Committee for many years. Her love of history started decades ago when she enjoyed numerous conversations with the town librarian about Newington's old families, history, and current affairs.

Mike Marconi

Michael Marconi has served on the budget committee, zoning board of adjustment, planning board, and board of selectmen. He is now the selectmen's representative on the Historic District Commission. Michael grew up in Portsmouth's historic south end and has lived in Newington since 2004.

Katie Moody

Katie and her husband Kenny moved to Newington in 2015 so are truly newcomers, or as referred to in Maine, "from away." They moved here from Newmarket just across the bay. Katie loves Newington, it's rural feel, small town friendliness, and easy access to the Great Bay marina. She joined the Historic District Commission because of her interest in Newington history and an appreciation for preserving, or even better, trying to keep some of that history alive and relevant. Turns out that she has settler ancestors all around Great Bay, so when she walks the woods or sits on the bay, she feels a deep connection to the area coupled with gratitude and a bit of astonishment. Katie wants future generations to be able to experience the same.

Kristen Poulin

Kristen Poulin grew up in Portsmouth. She has lived in Newington for 13 years with her husband Steve Poulin and their three young sons, who are the 10th and 11th generation of an old Newington family. Kristen's mother-in-law and family have deep roots in Newington. She wants to learn, preserve and pass the history of this little town on to her own children and others. Kristen is currently the head of the Newington School Supporters group for the local elementary school.

Becky St. Germaine

Becky St. Germaine is a lifelong resident of Newington. She is proud that her family has been in this town for multi generations and plans on living out her life in Newington. Becky has many wonderful memories of Newington and has heard many stories from her father James Coleman of growing up here. She has also seen many changes in town during her lifetime, including the continuing development of both the commercial and residential areas. Becky is still working full time but, even so, has prioritized being a member of the HDC. She feels very strongly that the Historical District of Newington must be preserved, and our many historical buildings (Stone School, Old Town Hall, Railroad Depot, Old Parsonage, Meetinghouse, just to name a few) must not fall into disrepair. Preserving our history for generations to come is one reason she joined the HDC. Becky is also the historian of the quarterly newsletter, the *Newington Neighbor*, and is working to make sure that our quaint New England town can hold on to its little bit of history in an ever-changing world.

4. Educational sessions attended:

List name of commission member and educational session attended

None this year

5. Number of meetings held during the year? (Include the total of regular meetings, study sessions, work sessions, site visits, design review committee meetings, etc.):

A. Numbers and types of cases reviewed and their disposition:

6 scheduled meetings plus at least two dozen working meetings with different groups to discuss the following:



- annual reports to town and state
- annual budgets, meetings with selectmen and budget committee
- preliminary discussions on historic chapter in the town master plan with Rockingham Planning Commission and Planning Board members
- need to correct boundaries of the historic districts, National Register districts, & town forest
- historic mitigation meetings for the General Sullivan Bridge and Bloody Point Historic District with NH DOT and NH DHR
- history/reuse of the Bloody Point Historic District and potential for land transfer to Newington, preservation of the Railroad Depot, and creation of a park, meetings with selectmen
- preserving foundation rocks from the Cider Mill for use in rebuilding stone walls in the historic district, similar request the Knox/Adams heirs
- sandblasting, priming and painting the 1905 cannons in the veterans' monument area, *Newington Neighbor*, Issue #195, page 20, 2020
- beautification of the historic district – establish a pocket garden by the cannons and monuments, tree cutting, stump removal, new flags, *Newington Neighbor*, Issue #195, page 38, 2020
- location for a new exit road from the southern division of the town cemetery through the historic district
- discussions with NH Municipal Association, NH DHR, and selectmen about the role of the HDC in the Old Town Center Historic District
- potential parking areas in the Old Town Center Historic District
- potential new bike path through the Old Town Center Historic District
- tree cutting, tree limb and stump removal along the east boundary of the southern division of the town cemetery and along the overgrown areas by the cemetery fence
- finding and reviewing the 1979 Cultural Resources Survey and Historic building inventory, updating inventory for houses impacted in 2020
- culturally sensitive area outside the town cemetery that may contain burials (LIDAR study)
- discussions of educational displays and walking tour of graves in the town cemetery of people with an interesting history
- Newington slavery research

6. List of new local designations. If a designation is a historic district, count it as one designation but also state the number of properties in the historic district regardless of whether the properties are contributing or non-contributing:

none

7. List National Register nominations commented upon by the commission. Please attach commission minutes relating to National Register Activities:

NH DHR decision that the Bloody Point Historic District is not eligible

8. List new survey of historic properties in city/town:

Inventory updates for several historic properties:

1. Cider mill owner (288 Fox Point Road) is seeking variances to rehabilitate the building to living space with minimal alterations to the exterior; located outside our historic districts; owner aims to keep the historic integrity intact and donate some excess rocks to the HDC for rebuilding stonewalls.
2. Joshua B. Pickering house c.1847 (224 Little Bay Road) underwent renovations 12-13 years ago that significantly altered the historic integrity of the interior of the farmhouse; home sold in 2020. *Newington Neighbor*, Issue #194, page 7, 2020
3. Knox/Adams house c.1717 (148 Nimble Hill Road) is undergoing renovations that have significantly altered the historic integrity of the interior of the farmhouse; located outside our historic districts, owner used cellar foundation stones for other purposes. *Newington Neighbor*,



Issue #194, page 42, 2020 and *Newington Neighbor*, Issue #195, pages 18-19, 2020

4. Louis deRochemont house c.1876, historic features, items preserved before demolition, *Newington Neighbor*, Issue #193, page 34, 2019
5. Nathaniel Coleman house c.1835 (2 Lydia Lane) underwent renovations that significantly altered the historic integrity of the farmhouse; outside our historic districts; newly renovated home sold in 2020. *Newington Neighbor*, Issue #195, page 14, 2020
6. Newcombe contemporary house c.1964 (15 Dumpling Cove Road) was demolished; in 1964 Margaret Newcombe (1926-2007) lived in this house when she ran Pennyworth Kennels; her 3-year-old whippet won Best in Show at the 88th Annual Westminster Kennel Club show at Madison Square Garden – the first of this breed ever to win the title. *Newington Neighbor*, Issue #194, page 19, 2020
7. Old Coleman Inn c.1717 (276 Fox Point Road) offered for sale in 2020; still retains significant external and internal historic integrity. *Newington Neighbor*, Issue #195, page 9, 2020
8. Parsonage c.1885 located in the Newington Town Center Historic District to be sold by the Newington Congregation Church; uncertainty about its future.
9. Shackford lot is being sold, likely to a private developer; contains foundations of old barn c.1866 and house and large stonewalls; a history of this property would be very valuable as it goes back hundreds of years to the days of shipbuilding and slavery; the Josiah Shackford house c.1830 on the neighboring property is still extant and in use. *Newington Neighbor*, Issue #193, page 21, 2020 and *Newington Neighbor*, Issue #195, pages 36, 40, 42, 2020

9. Local issues update:

- A. Briefly describe preservation activities that the CLG sponsored or directed during the FFY. This might include public education about preservation, a historic sites survey, preparation of a historic preservation plan, etc.

Outreach activities to provide information to residents about historic resources and preservation activities in town. Three members of the HDC, Becky St. Germaine, Jo Haskell, and Lulu Pickering, are also with the *Newington Neighbor*, a newsletter of local events and news for townspeople.

Articles in the *Neighbor* helped to keep townspeople informed about historic issues and activities:

- Bloody Point Historic District historic features, *Newington Neighbor*, Issue #193, pages 29-31, 2019
- Bloody Point Historic District potential new park, *Newington Neighbor*, Issue #194, pages 34-35, 2020
- Continue collecting stones for restoration of historic stone walls, likely around the newly proposed “slave/indentured servant,” *Newington Neighbor*, Issue #193, page 6, 2019
- Continue encouraging selectmen to address the water runoff problems in the historic district and town center, *Newington Neighbor*, Issue #193, page 61, 2019
- Cultural Resources and historic building inventory updates, *Newington Neighbor*, Issue #194, pages 19, 2020
- Cultural Resources and historic building inventory, 1979/1981 survey, *Newington Neighbor*, Issue #195, pages 10-12, 2020
- Historic house inventory updates as listed in section 8 above.
- Old Stone School is need of restoration, what is feasible and how? *Newington Neighbor*, Issue #194, pages 40, 2020
- Research on potential unmarked graves outside the cemetery walls, preservation of a culturally sensitive archeological area, *Newington Neighbor*, Issue #194, pages 37, 2020

- B. Briefly describe any problems--practical, political, or financial-- encountered by the CLG in planning or implementing its activities during the FFY.



A serious issue arose about the Town's old town center historic district that substantially weakened the protections that the HDC thought were in place. The library trustees took the stance that they alone can decide what occurred on the land surrounding the building and would involve the HDC and selectmen only for a courtesy discussion about their intentions.

Several email discussions with Stephen C. Buckley, legal services counsel of the NH Municipal Association, who had been advising the library trustees, confirmed that all *municipally owned* land and buildings are outside the Historic District Regulations of the Newington Zoning Ordinance and the HDC does *not* have to be consulted. Nadine Miller, NH Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, also believed that municipal properties are outside HDC oversight.

So, the heartbreak is that 90% of the old town center historic district is municipally owned and the HDC is a "nice to have" but definitely not an essential partner in any discussions regarding it.

The further heartbreak is that the State of NH owns the property for the town's only other historic district, the Bloody Point Historic District, and the HDC likewise has no effective jurisdiction there.

The future is uncertain about our two historic districts – even for a town that has tried to do everything right with historic regulations, CLG certification, and national register filings.

C. Describe any projected activities/objectives for the next FFY.

How to prioritize the many items we are already working on or that we could be working on!
Money is generally the rate-limiting step.

Submitted by: Name/Title Date

