

Amherst Historical Commission  
MEETING  
Tuesday, June 3, 2008  
Planning Department Office, Town Hall  
7:00 p.m.

**Present:** Gai Carpenter, Lyle Denit, Louis Greenbaum, Michael Hanke, Elizabeth Sharpe, James Wald. **Absent:** Linda Faye. **Staff:** Jonathan Tucker, Director of Planning

Mr. Wald called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m., and Mr. Tucker began with a recapitulation of the RFP review criteria, noted that several members of the Historical Commission had had an opportunity to review the proposals for the West Cemetery restoration work. Mr. Tucker gave a brief overview of the two responses.

The Historical Commission discussed the experience of both bidders, and noted that MCC has specialized more specifically in the restoration of headstones; the Historical Commission also noted the comments received from Ms. Faye, who underscored the specialized experience of MCC.

Ms. Sharpe commented on the desirability of getting more done at appropriate level. Mr. Denit remarked on the photographic evidence provided in the responses. The Commission continued to evaluate the bidders' experience and strengths.

Mr. Hanke moved, with a second from Mr. Greenbaum, that both firms met the criteria on qualifications of paragraph 7.1a of the RFP, and that both met the "highly advantageous" criteria of Section 8.0; the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Denit moved, with a second from Mr. Hanke, that under paragraph 7.2 of the RFP, the proposal from MCC be found most advantageous to the Town as their proposal included 258 stones compared to 145 in the Daedalus proposal for the same total price; the motion passed unanimously.

The Commission returned to discussion of FY09 CPA projects, specifically Article 20, and the Annual Town Meeting draft donation agreement between Hills House, LLC and the Town of Amherst. Mr. Tucker, Mr. Wald and Mr. Greenbaum commented on the Town Meeting discussions, and on ongoing conversations with the Henry Hills property owners.

Members were reminded of the next meeting, a workshop on Local Historic Districts on June 10. Mr. Tucker also reminded Mr. Denit, Mr. Wald, and Ms.

Carpenter that their terms expire June 30 and they need to contact the Town Manager to indicate continuing interest.

Mr. Tucker and Mr. Wald shared some information from PUMA, including revisions to the draft Memorandum of Agreement. Mr. Wald made some observations on the history of the MoA, and suggested the need for a strong letter. Ms. Sharpe stated she strongly agrees with Mr. Wald and with Joe Larson's draft letter from PUMA. Ms. Carpenter moved with a second from Ms. Sharpe that the chair write to PUMA and the Massachusetts Historical Commission expressing in the strongest possible terms the Amherst Historical Commission's support for PUMA and for the letter written by Mr. Larson, and further express its concern for UMass' actions.

Ms. Sharpe moved adjournment 8:36 p.m., and without further ado, the Commission adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Gai Carpenter  
Clerk