

Amherst Historical Commission  
**PUBLIC MEETING**  
Wednesday, July 11, 2012  
First Floor Meeting Room, Town Hall  
7:15 p.m.

**Present**

Mike Hanke, Lynda Faye, Matt Cornell, Meg Vickery. Nathaniel Malloy, Jonathan Tucker.

**1. Announcements**

none

**2. Minutes**

none

**3. New Business**

**a. Town's PARC Grant Application-North Common**

Staff described the project, summarized how the HC would be one of the keepers.

**b. Potential Changes to the Demolition Delay Bylaw**

Jonathan Tucker presented the two major changes, an extension to 18 months rather than 12, and section 13.30 giving the HC more influence.

**c. PVPC Consultant-New Preservation Planner**

Nathaniel gave overview of new consultant. HC decided to invite her as a courtesy to present commission projects.

**d. Hawthorne Feasibility Study**

HC discussed historic preservation implications and choices, and discussed writing a memo to the town manager re: finding a way to save barn to preserve farm character and layout. Will be on next agenda.

**e. Demolition Delay Applications**

none

**f. Other**

HC discussed UMass having a new chancellor, and possible openness to Preserve UMass efforts. Commission discussed writing a memo to the chancellor and others re: being dismayed at disregard of historically significant buildings, and encouraging his support of Preserve UMass.

**4. Old Business**

**a. Civil War Tablets**

Jonathan Tucker showed examples of how other towns mounted and presented tablets, and gave an update.

**b. 28 Shays Street**

Michael summarized DRB results, described that there are new plans that include improved landscaping plan. HC discussed possible CPA application.

**30 Boltwood**

Nathaniel reviewed ZBA hearing. Meg moved we write a letter to ZBA expressing an "A" for effort, but that the project is inappropriate, deleterious to existing structure, and compromises national register properties as an anchor to district. Matt seconded. Unanimously passed.

**c. Committee Reports: LHDSC, CPAC**

Nathaniel summarized LHDSC status.

**d. CPA Projects**

Nathaniel reminded that the HC needs to provide a CPAC representative in two months.

**i. West Cemetery Tomb**

Nathan has found an engineer to write specification for \$5,000.

**ii. West Cemetery Lighting**

Michael found out from Gillford that the purchased lights are lost. Nathaniel summarized lighting contractor status.

**iii. West Cemetery Signs**

HC suggested searching for local sign contractors.

**iv. Consultant Projects**

none

**f. Preservation Awards**

Decided that Meg will draft preservation text, send it to Michael, and then award one to Joe Larson of Preserve Umass.

**g. NHR Nominations**

HC discussed three properties. Meg will contact them.

**5. Next Meeting**

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