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ASHBURNHAM HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Wednesday, September 26, 2012

Stevens Memorial Library

6:30 PM

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM.

The minutes of August 15, 2012 were approved – Sara Allen will take over doing the minutes.

Treasurer's Report – No expenditures – we will have to spend money on completing the Emeline Jewell Whitney monument.

Demolition Delay – 20 Fitchburg Road – the commission wanted more information on what will replace this structure

40 Westminster Street – the building is gone and a modular home will be constructed there.

250th Celebration Committee – Steve Coswell gave a complete update report on the celebration plans. All town boards are being approached to participate in some way - they have had a Bonfire, 2 Blueberry Breakfasts and are requesting \$68,000 from the town at a Special Town Meeting on Oct, 16.

Update on Monuments:

Emeline Jewell Whitney – progress update from Steve Nims – no word – need to call him
Meeting House Hill NR District – update-Lisa Mausolf – progress report- new date for Public Informational Meeting will be set to include both Meetinghouse Hill and Lane Village districts

Lane Village – materials for Mass Historical- letter still has to be sent in requesting status
Veterans Memorial School – materials were sent to Mark Carlisle about the history of the building – that committee will be reporting back to the BOS. If building were removed, question of what would substitute as a memorial to veterans – a stone memorial?

Christina will contact Dennis Driscoll

Center Village District – Design Guidelines – we will need to discuss the areas that are of the highest priority for review (roof pitch, siding, windows, scale of building) – Zoning Bylaws 7.2

Conflict of Interest Training.....still needs to be completed!

Ashburnham Center NR District – sign – status of stolen sign- Case #12-2140F – a police report was filed and need to followup with Sylvia to see about insurance claim

Dolly Whitney Adams Building – solar panels – letter from Stan Herriott – Municipal Light stating that he never intended to cause a rift between the AHC and the Board of Library Trustees

Historical Society – Auction will be held on October 6, 2012 at 5:30PM

Cambridge Grant Farm Historic District Signs – no status update from Allan Small

Other New Business

Next Meeting: October 17, 2012

Adjournment – 8PM

EVENT FACT SHEET
Event day and date

Planning / Timeline -- to achieve.

Event: Name of event.

Date: Day of the week and date.

Time: Time of event. Arrival time of participants.

Location: Venue, building and room number or outdoor location.

Guests: Guest category list (bands, groups, students, donors, volunteers residents, etc.)

Purpose: Goals and objectives of the event.

Format: Event / fundraiser (reception, exhibit, lecture, race, music, gathering etc.)

Stage/Program set up.

Program: Actual start time.

Introductions and welcoming remarks (list program participants)

Keynote speaker

Awardees

Closing remarks

Budget / Cost Analysis: Approved budget.

Details: Invitations

Acceptances

Cost per person

Sponsorships:

Program: hand outs.

Contact:

Sub committee in charge of, point person / contact info,

THEMATIC IDEAS

I offer these ideas to the group as way to promote the creative process. I recognize that these ideas may not fit the bill for Ashburnham. I offer these to you and encourage somehow incorporating them into the planning and monthly programming of events.

JANUARY: focus on *inventions, technology and transportation*; study Ashburnham's past industry to search out any *inventions* of the time being utilized. What was the *technology* of the day being used i.e. steam or hydro power. What was the mode of *transportation* being employed from horse and buggy to steam trains to diesel locomotives to the modern day trucking industry.

FEBRUARY: off.

MARCH: A program that looks at the evolution of *business* in Ashburnham. It makes sense to use some time to remind us of the role that business and *economic growth* (or lack of) has played in our town's history.

APRIL: A focus on *churches, faith and religion*. Easter falls in April. Churches and religion played a significant role in the shaping of the new world, New England and Ashburnham. Early on the physical structures and environment played a significant role as a center of identity.

MAY: A logical time to examine the role of *nature, the environment and agriculture* in Ashburnham. This is the season of the garden tour, spring arrives in earnest and spring crops are planted and growing.

JUNE: This month could be devoted to *health and fitness*. This is a month when recreational opportunities in Ashburnham begin to peak; the lakes, hiking trails, bicycling, running and youth sports.

JULY: A perfect time to focus on *arts, theater, and music*. A opportunity to kick off a summer music series, a creative, expressive arts series and the creation of a home for summer theater.

AUGUST: Perhaps another month to take a break.

SEPTEMBER: A program dedicated to the *role of war and peace* from the settlers and the French and Indian War, the Civil War, World War's I & II, including Korea, Vietnam and the current Middle Eastern Conflict. What were the impacts of the wars on Ashburnham and an examination of the war memorials throughout town?

OCTOBER: With a new academic year in full swing this may be an ideal time for a focus on *education* and its role in Ashburnham's history; the village school houses throughout town. The establishment of Cushing Academy and its role in educating the children of Ashburnham.

NOVEMBER: A program to examine the *architecture and historic preservation* efforts in Ashburnham. The demolition of the Emmeline Jewel Whitney School, The restoration of the Dolly Whitney Adams School, the Town Hall, Stevens Library and the like.

DECEMBER: With the holiday season upon us this may be a perfect time to celebrate *community*. The holidays can encourage a sense of being together and creating a feeling of community.

I hope that these ideas will help you all get the creative juices flowing and encourage you to tackle a specific idea as a program, event or fundraiser. Good luck to us all!

Town of Ashburnham

FY14

Budget Summary

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Line		FY12 SPENT	FY13 BUDGET	FY14 DEPT REQUESTED	FY14 TOWN ADMIN RECOMMEND
	Historical Commission				
<u>171</u>	16691 53000 Prof & Tech Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<u>172</u>	16691 53400 Communications	\$ -	\$ 25	\$ -	\$ -
<u>173</u>	16691 54200 Supplies	\$ -	\$ 1,950	\$ -	\$ -
<u>174</u>	16691 57100 Prof Devel & Travel	\$ -	\$ 25	\$ -	\$ -
		\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ -

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