

**ASHFIELD HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
MEETING  
THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2011  
7:30 PM**

**PRESENT:**

Steve Gougeon, Mollie Babize, Nancy Garvin, Gerard McGovern, Tristan Romer

**MINUTES**

...of March 24, 2011 were approved. The meeting of April 28 did not have a quorum, hence no minutes.

**DOT WORK IN SOUTH ASHFIELD**

Engineering work on the South River embankment near the old mill site at Bullitt Road and Rt 116 has not gotten final approval from the Conservation Commission. Mr. Astone from Jacobs Engineering reported to the Conservation Commission that they would put a snow fence around the old mill site to protect it from any disturbance when construction is underway (this from Nancy Garvin who attended the last ConCom meeting).

**TOURS: ASHFIELD HISTORY WRITTEN IN STONE**

Dates are scheduled for Saturdays, **July 16<sup>th</sup>**, **July 30<sup>th</sup>**, and **August 13<sup>th</sup>**, rain or shine. Steve Gougeon submitted a preliminary announcement for the June issue of Ashfield News; the July issue will include more details about meeting locations, times and appropriate attire. If the DOT has not begun work on the South Ashfield site, that will be the millsite toured, since there are recent photographs and good site documentation, as well as visible stone foundations. Nancy Garvin will obtain permission from Calvin Clark who owns the land. The saw that used to be in this location is in the Historical Society, and a lot of the story can be told by Stuart Harris who helped to deconstruct the mill in the 1960s

Nancy and Gerard McGovern plan to photograph all the known former mill sites, some of which are located on the 1795 map and others on the 1830 map of town.

Members of the Historical Society and Town History Project will be invited personally. We need to ask permission of Harris & Gray to use the pathway over their property to access the stone bridge. Sites to be visited with Jim Vieira are along trails already permitted to the Ashfield Trails group.

The Commission agreed not to charge for these tours but to make them open to the public.

**NEXT MEETING**

Will be held Thursday, June 23, 2011 at 7:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by Mollie Babize