

ASHFIELD HISTORICAL COMMISSION
THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2012
7:30 PM

PRESENT:

Steve Gougeon, Mollie Babize, Nancy Garvin, Tristan Romer

MINUTES

...of March 22, 2012 were approved.

JIM VIEIRA

To be rescheduled. Jim had a conflict, so the 4/21 walk did not happen.

FALL FESTIVAL IDEA:

Goal: Set up a self-interpretive display on Town Common, which could be monitored by Steve from his booth across the way. At our July-Aug-Sept meetings, we will identify the contents of the display(s) and get images together. Mollie will supply the footing boards. Could use some of the balance in the Historical Commission coffers, which the Annual Report lists as \$457, to pay for materials.

ROUTE 116 SCENIC BYWAY

Next meeting is at Town Hall, Tuesday, May 15, 2012, 5:30-7:00. Focus to be on recreational resources, tourism, vision/goals, resource assessment. Contact Elizabeth Gianini, Transportation Planner, FRCOG for more information.

STONE CULVERTS

Hurricane Irene caused considerable road damage in Ashfield, including to some stone culverts such as the one on Bug Hill Road. The new FEMA representative is balking at reimbursing the town for repairs. Highway Superintendent Tom Poissant has asked Steve to meet him Friday 4/27/12 at 1:00 pm at the stone culvert near the wetland to assess historical importance before Tom speaks again with the FEMA rep. Stone culverts are another piece of stone history in Ashfield; Commission considering an inventory of remaining stone culverts in Ashfield. The Smith Road stone bridge is really just a huge culvert.

WALKING TOUR

Nancy reported the Historical Society has had requests for the walking tour of Ashfield. Mollie has an electronic version, which needs to be updated. New photos, new owners, and perhaps a new format would make it easier to carry around than the current 8.5 x 11" format. Nancy will review the text after the first of June and Mollie will look into a new layout and design. Have the new one completed by the Fall Festival.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting will be Thursday, May 24th, at 7:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Respectfully submitted by Mollie Babize