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Minutes December 17, 2007

Business

1. Reviewed and accepted the minutes of November 19.
2. Bills: National Alliance of Preservation Commissions membership renewal \$80.
3. Massachusetts Historical Commission's Preservation Projects Fund Grant Program. Barbara and Karen will attend the workshop on Dec 20 in Holyoke. They will report back as to the eligibility a project involving the renovation of the old library would be. Another project would be the Amasa Holcomb Homestead.
4. Update of Planning and Survey Project – Fitzgerald and Halliday A conference call was conducted on Nov. 29 with MHC, F&H, and SHC. The report for Phase I was reviewed. Southwick Historical Commission suggested the following changes to correct errors and omissions so that work could comply with the scope of work set out by SHC.
 - Change Lake Johnson to Lake Hitchcock
 - Change tourist housing/tourist camp to summer cottages/recreational beaches
 - Take out early years after Amasa Holcomb
 - After gas stations enter Walt's and State Line
 - Add post WWII housing tract – Feeding Hills Road
 - Under Previous Research add Registry of Deeds for Hampshire County located in Northampton and Ashfield Historical Society, Ashfield, MA
 - Under Map Resources change Beers and Walker Maps to Richard's Maps of 1892 available at the Massachusetts State Archives
 - Under Resources add Southwick Historical Society Archives
5. Update of MHC Canal Pilot Study –PAL PAL has completed the GPS mapping of the Westfield and Southwick Pilot areas. PAL needs from all communities involved a bibliography of the resources each has in relation to the canal.
6. The Hampshire/Hampden National Register Nomination Committee will meet on December 18 at 7pm in the Southwick Town Hall. The committee will be finalizing the plans for the presentations to the federal, state, and local officials on the significance of the canal in New England history and to ask for their help in speeding up the nomination process.
7. November 19 work session Robin and Rebecca continued to work on the Saunders Post Card Collection, scanning in the cards to the Past Perfect Program. The work session for this evening, Dec 17 has been cancelled.
8. Southwick Inn/Walt's Garage renovations/additions The Historical Commission would like a further explanation of the plans particularly regarding Walt's Garage. Rob Levesque is on the agenda for the January 7 meeting for 20 Depot Street. At that time, the plans for Walt's Garage can be reviewed.
9. A request for maps of the Hampshire/Hampden Canal was received from the West Springfield DPW. They were informed that such maps do exist in various repositories in the five

communities through which the canal passed through. The Historical Commission also received an e-mail from PAL who had passed on to SHC the request the West Springfield DPW made of the MHC for maps of the canal. Barbara, again, contacted the West Springfield DPW and offered the name of Carl Walter as having the most detailed maps of the canal.

10. The Meeting dates for 2008 were set and are as follows: January 7, January 28, February 4, February 25, March 3, March 24, April 7, April 21, May 5, May 19, June 2, June 16, July 21, August 18, September 15, October 6, October 20, November 10, November 17, December 1, December 15. All meetings will be at 1pm in the afternoon with work sessions scheduled for 7pm.
11. The Commission added to the FY09 budget a request for a map file cabinet.

Mail

1. From Northeast Document Conservation Center the Fall 2007 issue of "News"
2. From the Association For State and Local History the Autumn 2007 issue of "History News"
3. From Jamie Duncan two CD disks. One containing what was uploaded onto the MHC website, and the other containing all of the photos she took in Southwick.
4. From the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions a notice of a conference to be held in New Orleans on July 10-13, 2008
5. Planning Board Min 10/30, 11/6, 11/13, 11/6(corrected min) Agenda 11/27, 12/4, 12/4, 12/11, 12/18
6. From R. Levesque Associates, Inc. a notice of intent regarding the construction of two single family homes at 68 Fred Jackson Rd. by Mr. Jonathan Waitt.
7. Conservation Commission 11/5, 11/19 Agenda 12/3, 12/7
8. From Pioneer Valley Planning Commission the newsletter "Regional Reporter" for December 2007
9. From Past Perfect Software an acknowledgement of the renewal of the Support Contract. (coverage until Dec.13, 2008)
10. E-mail from MHC An announcement of Round 14 of the Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund grant program
11. Open Space Planning Committee Agenda 12/12
12. E-mail from West Springfield DPW requesting information on maps of the Canal
13. From the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions the invoice for membership renewal
14. From the American Association For State and Local History the newsletter "Dispatch" for December 2007
15. E-mail from Past Perfect An announcement that it has reduced the price of its Past Perfect Version 4.0 upgrade to \$199
16. From Donald Ashe, Register of Deeds, a notice that a set of new document standards has been adopted statewide
17. From Alfred J. Lima and Associates a letter promoting their firm as preservation planners
18. Board of Health Min 11/15

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