



TOWN OF GROTON
Historical Commission
173 Main Street Town Hall
Groton, Massachusetts 01450

Meeting Minutes
Groton Historical Commission
April 18, 2012
Town Hall
1st Floor Conference Room

7:00 P.M. Call the Historical Commission Meeting to Order

In Attendance: Michael Roberts, Norma Garvin, George Wheatley, Michael Laterz, Michael Danti.

- **Action Item Status**

- 1) We should talk with Al Collins regarding emergency procedures and Dan Barton, Chair of the Historic District Commission, regarding the relevant documentation.
- 2) Revisions still need to be made to the Demolition Delay By-Law. Members who have not received a copy of the existing documents should be sent copies in PDF format.
- 3) We need to continue our efforts to document, preserve, and protect the town's historic mile markers and other historic signage. George Wheatley has located all four existing Colonial-era markers. Some other markers still exist and others have been removed. Members agreed that a work party should be formed to find, photograph, and inventory these markers. The Massachusetts Historic Commission has a form (Form C, Object) for documenting such assets (<http://www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc/mhcform/formidx.htm>).

- **Documentation of Groton's Historic Barns**

Discussion on this topic was initiated by Richard Louis. Members were read a letter from Louis. We need to identify historic barns, working closely with their owners, and take steps to protect and preserve them. Mike Roberts recommended the Historical Commission write a proposal to the CPA in the fall to inventory historic barns in 2013. The next round of CPA proposals is in November 2012.

- **536 Main Street**

Mike Roberts is receiving weekly notifications from Michelle regarding progress of developing this property. Members need to attend Planning Board public hearings and report on relevant activity and write briefings. These meetings are held the first and third Thursdays of the month.

- **Open Session**

Members discussed Mike Robert's plan to have the Groton Selectman declare May 23 Founder's Day in Groton. To initiate this effort members should consider writing newspaper articles on the founding of Groton as well as an article specifically on Founder's Day by Mike Roberts. We might establish a history lecture series entitled the John Tinker Memorial Lecture.

The Greenway Commission is continuing to investigate restoring Fitch's Bridge.

