

**Pelham Historical Commission Meeting  
November 18, 2014**

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**Present:** Joe Larson, Karl Martini, Blair Bigelow, Whitney Battle-Baptiste

History Room, Pelham Library  
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**Meeting started** at 7:35 pm.

**Minutes** - Martini September minutes accepted

**Treasurer's Report** – Thompson none. We found an empty filing cabinet belonging to the PHC in the basement at the town office; we will use it in the future.

**Old Business**

**1. Review of progress of CPA funded projects**

No change on historic inventory project. Still in process -report on Phase IV.

Some more houses photographed.

Cemetery project has progressed. Buzzy Booth has done most of the work himself. Unfortunately the vault ceiling at Valley cemetery collapsed during the fall, Buzzy repaired (Pelham style using an old snow plow blade). Valley cemetery is done. Pelham Hill cemetery gates are done (restored, and reinstalled) need still to restore stone walls, Stephens cemetery welding repairs done, Cook Johnson cemetery trees still need to be removed, Arnold cemetery still needs wall repairs and opening of the access road. Used \$5054 still have about \$11000 for the rest of the project. (Might give some money back to the CPA)

**2. Letter from MHC regarding archaeological features** in northern part of Pelham

The letter from the MHC contains a list of properties that the MHC is responding to. Several properties in the northern part of the town are for sale (we would get involved if historical facts, cellar holes, etc. are found on the properties. Kestrel trust, Amherst water, and who knows is interested in buying the properties) Might need some CPA monies to finance all the purchases.

**3. Guard Rail** at pond near junction of Amherst and Cook Roads.

Mass high way has the last word. We are only very tangentially involved if at all.

**4. December Meeting Date**

The Town Clerk has advised that no town business may be conducted on certain religious holidays. Our December meeting is scheduled for Tuesday December 16<sup>th</sup> and Hanukkah begins a sundown that evening. Would you be open to shifting the meeting to one week earlier, December 9<sup>th</sup>? I would rather not move it to a week closer to Christmas.

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