

MARCH 5, 2008, CHUG MEETING WITH COG ON HISTORICAL RESOURCES: DISCUSSION POINTS

Review COG's current plans for the working paper on Cultural and Historical Resources

- Contract re: CH states that "The consultant will provide data collection/analysis and trends in the technical paper with maximum use of existing studies." What services does COG presently see itself providing along these lines?
 - Has their GIS/mapping effort been coordinated with what the town has?
 - If they have exhibits to bring, any additions/corrections?
- What materials does COG currently see including in the working paper?
 - what does it need/would it like from us?
 - By what dates?

Areas for discussion, including input of ideas from COG:

- Inventory Work:
 1. Review current status
 2. Ongoing effort to update town inventory work
 - Add buildings/areas not currently listed
 - Updating some earlier buildings (especially 18th century) where they fall within potential districts
 - Process includes making recommendations on National Register eligibility
 - Integrating data on MHC listings with Assessors/Conservation including GIS and mapping
 3. FoMA has additional Modernist listings they want to do
 4. Other potential listings to recommend, such as landscapes, structures?
 5. Update rest of earlier inventory work?
 6. LHC is very interest in placing inventories online at town web site
- Historic District/Neighborhood Conservation Districts
 1. Review existing districts and HD/NCD bylaws—any recommended changes?
 2. Potential focus areas for expansion include (among others):
 - Baker Farm (Higginson) [discussed with neighborhood; potential future interest]
 - Brown's Wood [neighborhood group has been actively interested]
 - Center additions
 - Flint Farm
 - Minute Man Park, view shed protection [Minute Man Park is very interested (see interview); Planning Board recently recommended

- doing a district to historical commission; could NCD be a better approach? other options?]
 - Old Sudbury Road [have discussed with neighborhood]
 - Pierce Hill Road area
 - Red Rail Farm area [some neighborhood interest; likely to try to pursue this year]
 - Sandy Pond Road
 - South Lincoln: Lincoln Road, South Great Road, Audubon
 - 3. Resistance from owners; how best to approach?
 - 4. Interest in developing an illustrated historical background and set of review guidelines (print/put on web)
- National Register Nominations (individual or district)
 1. Process takes long time, requiring early planning
 1. Benefits to owners include financial if a PR is then established
 2. Has not been a focus/particular interest of LHC—should Lincoln do more? Identify plusses for town action in promoting/financially supporting National Register nominations
 3. Potential current interest at LHC for town to support financially if firm linkage to establishing a PR on the property
- Preservation Restrictions
 1. Strongest level of protection; review what they are: currently two in Lincoln (Flint Homestead and Wheeler [Paul Marsh] House), with LHC holding both PRs
 2. LHC has interested in expanding program, have had contacts with three owners
 3. Historic New England also has a program (some significant costs to owner) and other support mechanisms (see interview); any suggested actions for cooperation?
 4. Requires long-term responsibilities for annual monitoring and potential legal action if owner not in compliance; have not funded those tasks—need for developing a program and funding for oversight role; what recommendations for future (e.g. CPA funds; owner contributions)?
- Demolition Delay Bylaw
 1. Review current bylaw; Lincoln last year expanded its period of delay to one year
 2. Concerns residents have on whether their property is subject to it or not
 3. Structures, such as stone walls, currently come under it, but it is not an effective approach to preserving them—what other town-wide bylaw options might instead be explored for preserving stone walls?
- Walden Woods
 1. Thoreau Institute would like to see it as a National Historical Landmark (see interview)

2. What actions (e.g. form committee to work with Concord and other stakeholders to further define WW; inventory; etc.) should the town take?
- Archives/Manuscripts Collections
An important related area to try to address at some time; will need to coordinate with Susan etc. on current issues
 - Archaeological
Town currently has no policies etc.; what should the town do in this area?
 - Additional recommendations?
 1. Current interest in other brief publications/web material for potential buyers, residents etc.
 2. Preservation of cemetery stones (Cemetery Commissioners have started some action here)
 3. Preservation of statuary (Cemetery Commissioners have initiated with their piece); eagle?
 4. Historical Museum with collections [some exploration underway]
 5. Stone wall preservation approaches (see above)
 6. ?????

Based upon discussion, review any revised actions/coordination for COG/working paper and for CHuG re: Cultural and Historical Resources component