

Cultural and Historic Breakout Session Notes – final

- Can town help increase visibility of groups that wish it?
- Use town website to help coordinate between groups – meetings times and spaces
- More visibility for CPC funds disbursement – town meeting presentation; state funding may decline – do we continue to fund
- Bring our issue before state legislature
- A framework for landowners to maintain their roadsides within character
- Mechanism to have a preservation restriction for historic homes
- Preserve smaller houses; reimbursement for loss of selling price
- Coordination of all town boards concerned in process – maintain diverse viewpoints
- Move from broad preservation to individual properties – publicize
- Proactive update on properties in play
- Other forms of built environment overlooked?
- Publish the process for preservation restrictions (landscape features included)
- Systematize monitoring of existing restrictions
- Communicate work being done by committees and town groups – volunteer opportunities
- Attention to authentic farmers walls – maintenance and preservation – without being too spruced up
- Archival space for research and scholarly purposes – controlled and secure in public library
- House plans – oversized flat storage needed
- Microfilm or digital records made available
- More town wide exposure of Lincoln’s cultural and historical resources
- Proactive dissemination to citizens of info on preservation mechanisms
- Town newsletter? Website? Article in paper? Email? Location at town offices?
- Congregation points for many purposes – social and educational
- Bemis hall newcomers event – presentations by groups and organizations more than once per year
- Pierce House for groups to present on a rotating basis – monthly?
- Offer meeting space in town buildings in exchange for meeting summaries made public
- Do non-profits contribute something in lieu of taxes? (i.e. DeCordova gives free admission to residents, provide meeting space – Codman Carriage House) better information and accountability
- Different contributions of landowning institutions open to the public (Drumlin Farm, DeCordova) vs. service or people organizations serving Lincoln (cultural council, COA)
- [placement on] town boards to oversee issues of preservation planning and design / issues germane to specific organizations – liaison to town board
- how to broaden input on setting priorities for town assets
- neighborhood conservation districts – where they may apply
- 1 year demo delay is some help
- evaluate – increase familiarity with cultural/historic institutions – what do non-profits contribute to Lincoln (PILOT \$)
- land owning institutions vs. people organizations
- phone books by volunteers – where is list
- newcomers information event to welcome and inform
- developing partnerships between organizations to share info, resources and space