

Whately Historical Commission  
September 25, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Present: Donna Wiley (Chair), Susan Baron, Judy Markland, Alan McArdle

- Scenic Byways Designation
  - Currently designated: Chestnut Plain Road, North Street, Haydenville Road, Conway Road
  - Commission agreed that members would visit the following roads under consideration prior to the next meeting: River Road, Webber Road, Strippe Road, Poplar Hill Road, Laurel Mountain Road, and Westbrook Road
  - Donna will investigate the process for adding a scenic byways designation for additional roads to the Town bylaws
- 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
  - Susan reported on the first meeting of the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Committee meeting
  - Donna indicated that State Representative Kulik may have discretionary funds that could be used for the 250th anniversary celebration
  - Additional funding may be available through the Massachusetts Cultural Commission, through their Festivals Program
- Buildings on MACRIS Inventory
  - Judy indicated the need to clean up the MACRIS inventory list of historic properties, removing properties that are no longer in existence
  - It was noted that the library is currently listed on MACRIS, but there is no inventory form. Additionally, several properties, including Quonquont and the Church Carriage Shed, are known to have been improved since the inventory was developed in 1993 that should be noted in the inventory
  - Judy agreed to write into ListServe to ask how to refresh the inventory
  - Each member will look through the inventory prior to our next meeting to identify properties in need of updating
- Next meeting: October 10, 2017 at 5p at Town Offices