

## HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Linda Engelmann .....	2006
John Karlon .....	2006
Roland Russell .....	2006
Myles McConnon.....	2007
Martha Remington, Chairman .....	2008
Gregory Thomas .....	2008

The Bolton Historical Commission was established in 1992 by Article 14 on the town meeting warrant. The Commission is charged by the Town of Bolton and the Massachusetts Historical Commission to identify, evaluate, document, and where possible, protect and preserve Bolton's historical, cultural, and architectural resources.

### ACTIVITIES

**Pan Cemetery:** Nomination papers were submitted for this cemetery to be listed on the National Register of Historical Places.

Although the Commission's article for the purchase of bollards to protect the green space in front of this burying ground was narrowly defeated at annual town meeting, at the request of the Selectmen, 7 bollards were purchased with funds from our budget and a generous donation from The Country Cupboard. Bids for the installation of the 7 bollards were being reviewed by year end. Additional bollards will be purchased annually until the project is completed.

**Demolition Permit Requests:** 1 received – not applicable

**New or Updated Surveys and Assessments:** The Commission continues to document the town's historical resources with the services of a preservation consultant. These documents consist of several pages of written descriptions and other information, including detailed photographs. Copies are eventually filed in binders. These binders are available for public use at Town Hall and the Library. The Commission is in the process of restoring these survey documents on our web page at [www.townofbolton.com](http://www.townofbolton.com).

- Pan Cemetery NR nomination
- 9 surveys for structures located within the Bolton Center National Register Historic District,
- 2 surveys for other Main Street structures
- Great Brook Culvert at Harvard Road
- Mechanic Street Extension

**Participation with other town groups:** The Commission collaborated extensively with other town groups and had a liaison present at many meetings and hearings on a variety of issues and topics:

- Proposed Riverside 40B at the former Job Howard brickyard site.
- Proposed Pondsides 40B: requested a plaque noting Lancaster RR, as well as preservation of the Worcester Lunch Car.

- Obtained emergency trapping permit from Board of Health to address the beaver flooding problem in town center on the Great Brook corridor.
- Began a coordinated effort with the Tree Warden to draw up a tree replacement plan for the Bolton Center NRHD
- Provided documents and support to the Master Plan Committee
- Supported Conservation Commission revision of *Open Space & Recreation Plan 2005*

**Membership**

Long-time member Roland Ochsenbein left the Commission to devote more time to the Library expansion project. He continues to help out as a ‘member emeritus’. Diane Soule left after her term expired to devote more time to her family. We thank them for their service. We welcomed three new members as the result of the annual town census mailing notice. One vacancy remains on the Commission.

The Bolton Historical Commission relies in great part on the citizens of the town to keep informed of preservation issues and we welcome all residents and prospective members to attend our meetings which are generally held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 6 p.m. at the Town Hall, and are posted in the Town Calendar of the weekly news and on the web site.

**Financial Statement  
July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005**

<b>Expenses</b>		
Appropriated		\$3,600.00
Transfer		<u>443.00</u>
		\$4,043.00
Expended	*Purchase of Services	\$2,706.00
	Advertising	35.00
	Postage	26.00
	Supplies	674.00
	Books	17.00
	Dues	<u>585.00</u>
		\$4,043.00

\*Includes Nomination of Pan Cemetery to National Register of Historic Places