

**Minutes**  
**Watertown Historical Commission**  
**Thursday, November 10, 2010**  
**Lower Hearing Room**  
**7:00pm**  
*Approved December 9, 2010*

**Historical Commission Members Present:** David J. Russo, Jr., Thomas P. Melone, J. B. Jones, Marilynne K. Roach, Elizabeth H. Loukas, Donald S. Berg, Susan T. Steele

**Staff Present:** Daphne M. Collins

**Public Present:** See attached Sign-In Form

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David J. Russo chaired. The meeting opened at 7:00p.m.

**1. Informational – ED/HC Grove Street Area Study by Tufts Planning Students, Danielle Evans, Senior Planner**

Danielle Evans, Senior Planner, stated that the Tufts Planning program produced the Watertown Bike Path Study last year and that the Town was pleased with the results of the study. In addition, she informed that the Grove Street study proposal request, submitted by the Town, was selected as a student project for the winter semester.

Evans reported that the Planning Department's goal for this Tufts/Town collaboration is to have a product that can be implemented and used in the department's initiatives. As a result, she enhanced the proposal to include an economic development aspect to the preservation of the Shick House, originally proposed by the HC. She believed that outcome will provide a challenging and good study including historic preservation, economic development and open space components.

Russo noted that the property sits in isolation and it would be advantageous to find connections.

Susan T. Steele thought the project could bring excitement and attention similar to last year's project. She liked the association to Sawins Pond.

Evans noted that the team would be selected in a few weeks and that she would be providing guidance to the team.

In preparation for the report, members can forward any relevant photos, resources, and materials to staff to make available for the students/consultants.

**2. October Minutes – Approved.**

**3. Old Business**

- a) **Historic Marker Replacement**-Ongoing. Steele will check with McVey Stone for stone sign replacement options.
- b) **Old Barn Inventory** – no update. Ongoing.
- c) **Boston Post Cane** – Joyce Kelly, representative of the Historical Society of Watertown, reported that the HSW was in possession of the cane given to the eldest woman in Watertown, who recently passed away. Russo will contact John Flynn, the City Clerk, to research eligible recipients.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.