

**REPORT OF THE
ABINGTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Abington:

The AHC sent out a questionnaire survey to 400 residents regarding the viability of a historic district in town during the summer of 2007. The AHC reviewed all returned surveys and the majority of responses were positive. In June of 2008, the Abington Historical Commission presented a recommendation to form a Historic District Study Committee to the Selectmen. The Historic District Study Committee will be charged in analyzing the potential for a historic district or districts in Abington and will follow the guidelines as set forth by the Massachusetts Historical Commission. Members for the study committee are being sought through the Selectmen's office.

We are reviewing and revamping the Demolition Delay by-law that was previously defeated. We are confident the Demolition Delay by-law when brought forth the Town will accept the newer version of the by-law in an upcoming town meeting.

The Mildred Alford Nursing Home has been closed and with that many of Abington's historical data was rediscovered in the basement vault. The entire bounty was sent to the Dyer Memorial Library where extensive work to catalog and/or contact the proper town departments by the Dyer staff ensued. Moreover, the collection of research materials and documents of Martha Campbell, the founder of the Historical Commission and the unofficial town historian, were handed back to the Historical Commission. A full circle completed. We are in the early stages of sorting through the material. The AHC has asked volunteers to help expedite the process. We anticipate the huge collection to be scanned into our PC and stored on CDs.

Please visit our website www.abingtonhistory.org. We are continually broadening our site and wish to thank all those who have commented with helpful suggestions. All inquiries are welcomed.

With many new and different challenges of 2009, the Commission looks forward to the New Year.

Respectfully submitted,

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