

Annual Town Report
Mattapoisett Historical Commission
March 14, 2010

The Mattapoisett Historical Commission met regularly in 2009 to discuss and act upon matters concerning the identification and the preservation of historic Town properties and artifacts. The Commission continually strives to document and preserve items or locations of historical significance as well as help to create and support several opportunities for the Town to celebrate the unique history of this area.

In cooperation with the Florence Eastman V.F.W. Post, the Commission honored the memory and service of Miss Florence Eastman, Army nurse, during the annual Memorial Day Ceremony at the library. In her honor a rose colored engraved granite marker was placed on the south lawn in the Veteran's section. Additionally, the Commission has introduced the Heritage Brick Project. A granite brick can be purchased with space for a three line inscribed inscription. The bricks will be placed in one of the town's parks. Bricks will be installed in groups of fifty.

The enthusiasm for Heritage Days celebration grew in 2009. The August weekend was punctuated with activities for every age and interest group. A permanent sub-committee was created and oversaw activities that reflected the town's history as well as provided entertainment for visitors. With the success and interest shown by the public we will continue to sponsor this annual town event.

Other on-going activities include the continued sales of the Sesquicentennial Flag photo, taken at the wharf, and available at the Town Clerk's office. Also the Commission's growing collection of oral histories of memorable town citizens will continue to be written and preserved as will the documentation of buildings considered for their historic qualities continue to be recorded.

Finally, the Commission welcomes any input, questions or concerns from interested individuals or groups concerning the Commission's role in preserving our town's history. All meetings are public and open for all to attend.

Commission Members:

Jo Pannell, Chairperson
Ray Harrington, Vice Chairman
Frank Rezendes, Treasurer
Margaret M. DeMello, Clerk
Dottie Nunes
Bobbi Gaspar
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