

REPORT OF THE ABINGTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Abington:

Many hours were dedicated to finalize the proposed Demolition Delay Bylaw to present to the Town in the upcoming annual meeting held in April. An informational meeting was held on March 29th in the Copeland Room located at the Public Library. The AHC's demo delay DVD was shown and the members fielded questions and answers from the participants. It was a long journey to present this significant bylaw to the Town. However, in April at the annual town meeting the Demolition Delay Bylaw was defeated.

The essay contest entitled "Women Who Have Made a Difference in Our Town" concluded on June 10th. We congratulate the top winners: Eunice McSweeney, with her entry of "Martha Campbell", and Marge Libby, with her entry of "Nancy Reid". A bound copy of the essay contest with all of the submissions is located in the AHC office.

During the summer months, the AHC sent out a questionnaire survey to 400 residents regarding the viability of an historic district within Abington. Of the total returned surveys, 9% were in favor, while less than 1% made no comments either way. Our members appreciated comments received on the survey form.

We are pleased to announce that one of our members, Walter Pulsifer, turned 65 this year. As a long time member in good standing and in reaching this significant milestone of his life, the AHC has bestowed Walter as an honorary lifetime member.

As we continue to broaden our website www.abingtonhistory.org, your comments and inquiries are always welcomed. The Commission looks forward to meeting the new challenges of 2008 while continuing the work in progress.

Respectfully submitted,

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