

Heritage Commission
Minutes of Meeting, March 12, 2006

Attending: Joan Burke, Bev Yeaple, and Don Johnson. Absent: Michelle Johnson, Kathy Luger, and Deborah Carpenter

The meeting convened at 9:12. Bev Yeaple shared information from the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance and we agree she should send for relevant material.

We decided to begin classifying town records and began with those in the upstairs office. Many of these records were found in Marjorie Heath's home. We decided to go through the boxes of records and make categories as we went. We looked at records of town payments going back to the 18th century and made that the first category. Then we discovered several large books that turned out to be the town clerk's records, dating from 1824 to 1901. These were the records that were missing for several years and we were excited to discover them. The town now has town clerks' records from 1774 to 1823 (in the State Archives) and an unbroken series of town clerks' records down to the present day. Although there are some overlaps in the town clerks' records, each year seems to be covered. These records contain tax lists and assessments and town vital statistics.

Finally, we gathered papers that we labeled "Tax and Ratable Properties, 1886-1949," and "Treasurers' warrants, 1774-90 and 1820-1869," and placed them in boxes. We began a log of our classification of the records and will keep the log in the file cabinet in the room with the boxes of records.

We plan to continue our records classification at the next meeting. We worked until 10:45 and adjourned the meeting.

Don Johnson