

## National Historic Register Listings

- ❖ Lucy Stone Homestead 2020
- ❖ Jedediah Foster Homestead 2013
- ❖ Center Historic District Expansion 2006
- ❖ Old Indian Cemetery 2006
- ❖ Wickabog Valley Historic District 2000
- ❖ West Brookfield Center Historic District 1990
- ❖ Salem Cross Inn 1975
- ❖ The 1776 Franklin Milestone Markers 1971

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## Other Recent Projects

- ❖ Contributed to preservation of Pynchon Grist Mill with the East Quabbin Land Trust. 2014
- ❖ Nominated 'Lucy Stone Homestead' to the National Historic Register. 2012
- ❖ Nominated the 'Jedediah Foster Homestead' to the National Historic Register. 2010
- ❖ Published *A History of West Brookfield 1675-1990* by Jeffrey Fiske. 2009
- ❖ Purchased Elm trees for the Town Common. 2009
- ❖ Funded inventory of the Historical Collections held in the Merriam-Gilbert Public Library. 2009
- ❖ Purchased and installed Franklin Mile Marker Signs. 2009

## Ongoing Projects

- ✧ Award annual West Brookfield Historical Commission Scholarship @ the Quabog Regional Middle and High School.
- ✧ Fund four year Gravestone Conservation effort at the Old Indian Cemetery.
- ✧ Co-ordinated preservation of the Pynchon Grist Mill Preserve with the East Quabbin Land Trust.
- ✧ Fund reduced admission tickets to Old Sturbridge Village for residents.
- ✧ Co-sponsor historical programs at the Public Library.
- ✧ Co-sponsor 'Asparagus & Flower Heritage Festival' on the Town Common.

## Goals for the Future

- ★ Re-establish the 'Old Bay Path Indian Trail'.
- ★ Nomination of the Rock House Reservation to the National Historic Register.



The

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Historical Commission



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## *What are we?*

A Historical Society? No!  
We are a seven member board appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

## *What is the purpose of a local Historical Commission?*

The local Historical Commission is the agency responsible for identifying and recording the historic assets of its community and for developing and implementing a program for their recognition and preservation.

## *What is our primary responsibility?*

Our primary responsibility is the inventory of historic assets which provide the basis for all preservation planning in the community. The commission cooperates with other municipal agencies such as the Planning Board and Conservation Commission to insure that the goals of historic preservation are considered in planning for future development of the community.

## *How do we differ from a Historical Society?*

A Historical Society is a private organization formed to collect and preserve artifacts of local historical interest, which may serve to illuminate and illustrate the history of a town; preserve historical sites and landmarks and to promote the study of history.

## *How can we help you?*

We maintain research files and a small library that contain information of the history, townspeople, places and events. Maps, survey forms and photographs are available for study.

## *Meetings*

The West Brookfield Historical Commission meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm in the Commission office of Town Hall. All meetings are open to the public.



## *How can you help?*

In an effort to expand the holdings and resources of the Historical Commission's library, the West Brookfield Historical Commission would like to invite anyone with a heritage in West Brookfield to submit a copy of their family history to the library. These family histories do not have to be professionally published works. They can include small folder editions, essays, or family recollections that have passed down through a family. Copies of any other collections that might be of historical or geneological value such as newspaper clippings, news articles, old photograph collections, journals, etc. are also welcomed.

## *Contact us ~*

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