

## National Historic Register Listings

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

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## Ongoing Projects

- ❖ Award annual West Brookfield Historical Commission Scholarship.
- ❖ Gravestone Conservation effort at the Old Indian Cemetery. Ongoing assessment.
- ❖ Co-ordinated preservation of the Pynchon Grist Mill Preserve with the East Quabbin Land Trust.
- ❖ Co-sponsor historical programs at the Public Library.
- ❖ Coordinating preservation and development of 5 Foster Hill Nature Park. ; 'Massaquockummis' - Little Marshy Meadow

## Other Recent Projects

❖ Completion of Old Indian Cemetery Conservation.	2022
❖ Completed Inventory of Historical and Cultural Sites and Objects.	2022
❖ Contributed to preservation of Pynchon Grist Mill with the East Quabbin Land Trust.	2019
❖ Nominated 'Lucy Stone Homesite' to the National Historic Register .	2012
❖ Nominated the Jedediah Foster Homesite to the National Historic Register.	2010
❖ Published <i>A History of West Brookfield 1675-1990</i> 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

## Goals for the Future

- \* Re-establish the 'Old Bay Path Indian Trail'.
- \* Nomination of the Rock House Reservation to the National Historic Register.
- \* Nominate Old Methodist Cemetery to the National Historic Register.
- \* Town Hall Preservation Maintenance.
- \* Propose and Pass Demolition Delay Bylaw.
- \* Designate Wickaboag Valley Road as a Scenic Road.
- \* Digitize Historic Records.



# The West Brookfield 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 Monday of the month at 7:00pm in the 2nd floor Commission office of Town Hall. All meetings are open to the public.



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