

WHAT ARE THE MAJOR TASKS TO BE ADRESSED IN NR HISTORIC DISTRICT REVISION/UPDATING SCOPE OF WORK? (The HPC must also decide how to allocate these tasks between FY2018 and FY2019)

1) The first task is to create a building-by-building inventory of contributing and non-contributing properties (we need to determine how much of this was already accomplished by the House Histories so would not have to be done by the consultant). This would involve expanding our overall Statement of Significance and historic contexts to incorporate the new fifty-year threshold (as of 2018 anything dating up to 1968 has the potential to be considered a historic property or a contributing resource). Beyond the Camp Meeting Period (ends more or less in 1906), we should consider including the Progressive Era/Chautauqua Assembly Period and subsequent periods to be determined by the consultant. As a result, our revised list of contributing architectural styles will include the following: Victorian, Arts & Craft/Mission, Four Square, Colonial Revival, Dutch Cottage, post-WWII Ramblers, etc. The consultant's responsibilities in this effort are described by MHT's Peter Kurtze as follows: "This will include a comprehensive inventory of properties within the district, with current street address, construction date, physical description, and an evaluation of contributing/non-contributing status. Provide two sets of 5" by 7" photographs thoroughly depicting the appearance of the district, including streetscape views and images of pivotal and/or representative individual buildings, and archival CD/DVD containing the image files in .tif format."

2) Another task is addressing the cultural landscape aspect of the historic district by including the streetscape. This is comprised of WG's unique radial-centric street layout and its alternating system of streets and pedestrian walkways. This effort would include descriptions of the existing streetscape, as well as its evolution, and evaluation of Ridge Road as an historic rural roadway.

3) A related task is addressing the cultural landscape aspect of the historic district by including the East Woods, the West Woods, Maple Lake and Whetstone Spring, the parks, and all other open spaces as elements contributing to the historic district's significance. In doing this, the consultant will follow the methodologies presented in National Register Bulletin entitled "Guidelines for Documenting Rural Historic Landscapes" (specifically mentions camp meeting grounds), the National Park Service's "Guidelines for the Treatment of Cultural Landscapes," and MHT's *Historic Context Report: "A Harvest for Saving Souls," The Camp Meeting Grounds of Montgomery County* by Elizabeth Jo Lampl and Clare Lise Cavicchi.

4) The last task is extending the boundaries to include the annexed areas while providing a historically backed argument that integrates them with the town. This effort was described by Bob and David in Bob's letter to the Town Council as part of the Budget Work Session as follows:

- Beyond the borders of the Town, the Conservation Meadow, Train Station and Humpback Bridge need to be integrated as part of the historic narrative.

- Inclusion of newly annexed areas since 1979 as part of the new Historic District will not be automatic when faced with today's stricter standards. The arguments will have to be carefully researched and well crafted in the updated nomination.
- Amplification of the areas of historic significance, such as along Washington Grove Lane, could provide added protection from new threats coming from that direction.

My sense is that although one of the most critical objectives of the revised/updated nomination, extending the boundaries will also be the most challenging and time consuming to accomplish (also may be a hard sell with the MHT and NRHP). I have some ideas about possible justifications but would advise waiting until the FY2019 contract to present these for the following reasons:

- By then we will have learned more about how to best make this argument.
- We will have established a working relationship with MHT (with whom this effort may involve extensive consultation - See Peter Kurtze of MHT email 4/25/17: "All documentation is to be prepared in consultation with MHT's Administrator of Evaluation and Registration.")
- We would have more time to assemble all the mapping and other documents needed for this complex effort (See Peter Kurtze of MHT email 4/25/17: "Provide two copies of a base map scaled 1"=200' or larger showing the district boundaries, building footprints, and property lines.")

ADDITIONAL NON-SCOPE OF WORK RELATED TASKS

- 1) Develop a list of questions to ask MHT about the NR Historic District revision/updating process.
- 2) Familiarize ourselves with the Town's contracting process.
- 3) Develop list of potential consultants.