



## **2015 Princeton Historical Commission Annual Report**

There have been many membership changes in The Princeton Historical Commission (PHC) last year. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mickey Splaine for his able and enthusiastic service to the Commission and wish him well. We are happy to welcome our new members, Krista Ferrante and Larry Todd and thank the Select Board for appointing them to the PHC. Sheila Dubman and Joyce Anderson have agreed to act as co-Chairs.

In 2015, the PHC saw the Four Corners/Goodnow Farm area accepted by the National Park Service as a National Register District. We are grateful for the assistance of the Audubon Society and the generosity of Four Corners residents for helping to make this possible. We are proud to report that Princeton is now home to five National Register Districts and are committed to future stewardship of our rich heritage.

During 2015, the PHC continued work on the Meetinghouse Cemetery by collecting costs and developing plans to restore iron family plot railings and to replace the vault doors. An appropriate storage vault has been installed to accept the many partial and broken head and foot stone fragments that have been revealed by restoration work. We thank the Highway Department for their assistance and steadfast support. The PHC agreed to work with an Eagle Scout candidate on a project to help categorize and store the fragments in the vault.

We have continued to work with our Conservator, TaMara Conde, to establish a schedule for another round of restoration work on the monuments in Meetinghouse Cemetery to begin in the Spring. We have also coordinated the Cemetery Superintendent to address the restoration of badly damaged old gravestones in other cemeteries.

In 2015, the PHC offered its support to the Princeton Land Trust to help save the Fieldstone Farm. We continue to identify other sites qualified for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Respectfully submitted,

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