

Statutory Authority for the Historical Commission

The Commission shall conduct researches for and report findings regarding places of historic or archeological value, cooperate with the state archeologist, and seek to coordinate the activities of unofficial bodies organized for similar purposes. Among other things, the Commission may

- make such recommendations as it deems necessary to the Selectmen, and, subject to their approval, to the Massachusetts historical commission, that any place in Town of historic or archeological value be certified as an historical or archeological landmark;
- accept gifts, contributions and bequests of funds from individuals, foundations and from federal, state or other governmental bodies for the purpose of furthering the commission's program;
- advertise, prepare, print and distribute books, maps, charts, plans and pamphlets which it deems necessary for its work;
- acquire in the name of the Town by gift, purchase, grant, bequest, devise, lease or otherwise the fee or lesser interest in real or personal property of significant historical value and may manage the same, and
- make and sign any agreements and do and perform any and all acts which may be necessary or desirable to carry out its mission.

-- From MGL Ch 40 § 8D, Historical commission; establishment; powers and duties