

# On the Road

with the Massachusetts Historical Commission  
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**A message to the Local Historical Commissions of Massachusetts**  
*from Christopher C. Skelly,*  
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MHC is willing to travel to your community to meet with you and other communities in your area. In a recent survey of the Historical Commissions of Massachusetts, many Commissions stated that they would like to have local meetings in their area with MHC staff. Part of my job is to do just that!

I am particularly interested in meeting with three or four communities at the same time. This is more efficient since there are 351 cities and towns in Massachusetts! Meeting with other towns in your area will also help you to become acquainted with nearby Historical Commissions that may be facing the same challenges as you.

Our meetings can cover many different topics such as the role of a Historical Commission, Goals and Objectives, Grants, Inventory/Survey, Zoning, National Register, Local Historic Districts, Demolition Delay Bylaws, Maintaining Community Character, Downtown Revitalization and so on.

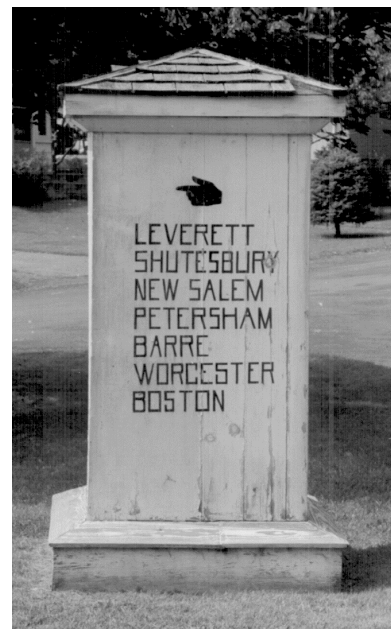
If you would like to host a meeting in your area, please contact me for more information. After we determine a suitable time and place (such as your town hall), I will send you a mailing list of Historical Commission members within your area. You can then prepare a letter or flyer inviting them to the regional meeting in your community.

I look forward to meeting with you and other commissions in your region.

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*Please note that "On the Road" is also available to Historic District Commissions, Planning Boards, Planners and other Preservationists.*

**The Berkshires.....Connecticut River Valley.....Central  
Massachusetts.....North Shore.....South Shore.....Cape Cod.....Islands  
or Greater Boston.....MHC can be there!**



## Recent *On the Road* Meetings

<u>Hosting Community</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Date</u>
Barnstable	Historic District Commissions	October, 1998
Norwell	Preservation Bylaws	January, 1999
Charlton	Historical Commissions in MA	March, 1999
Reading	Historical Commissions in MA	March, 1999
Boxborough	Historical Commissions in MA	April, 1999
Somerset	Historical Commissions in MA	May, 1999
Kingston	Demolition Delay Bylaws	May, 1999
Norfolk	Preservation Bylaws	June, 1999
Sutton	Preservation Bylaws	October, 1999
Raynham	Historical Commissions in MA	October, 1999
Lunenburg	Historical Commissions in MA	October, 1999
Egremont	Historical Commissions in MA	November, 1999
Randolph	Historical Commissions in MA	November, 1999
Lawrence	Historical Commissions in MA	January, 2000
Charlemont	Historical Commissions in MA	January, 2000
Danvers	Historical Commissions in MA	January, 2000
Groveland	Historical Commissions in MA	March, 2000

The topic *Historical Commissions in Massachusetts* is a general question and answer discussion on various aspects of a local historical commissions, such as conducting inventories of historic properties, National Register nominations, receiving grants and preservation planning. This workshop uses a handout.

The topic *Preservation Bylaws and Ordinances* is a question and answer discussion on the uses and benefits of various preservation bylaws and ordinances used by communities throughout Massachusetts. Topics include demolition delay bylaws, local historic districts, cluster developments, overlay zoning, design review districts, neighborhood conservation districts and many others. This workshop uses a slide presentation and includes handouts.

The topic *Historic District Commissions* is a question and answer discussion for Historic District Commissions administering Chapter 40C or Special Act Historic Districts. Topics include a statewide overview of historic districts, review procedures, the need for design review guidelines, consistent decision making, public relations and next steps.

These are only possible topics. If you have a suggestion for another regional meeting topic, we would be happy to hear them.

Please note that even if an *On the Road* meeting was recently held in your region, you are still welcome to host another meeting. On the Road meetings are flexible in format and can easily be adjusted based on the interests and questions of the audience.