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Dear Members - we were able to get the grant that we had applied for and we will be having a public meeting on June 3 as mentioned below. Everyone is invited to attend to help provide input.

We will also be having a clean-up of Safford-Guiles Cemetery on Route 165 (across the road from the Old Broad Brook Dairy - but farther down a little) - Members of the Safford and Guiles family will be joining us to help clean up this old cemetery - wear old clothes and bring garden shears and gloves. - Saturday - June 6 at 10 am. Call Linda for information (887-5828)

The Preston Historical Society would like to invite you to join us for a public meeting on Wednesday, June 3, 2009, 7:00 pm at Preston Plains School to take part in a discussion about the natural and cultural resources of Preston.

We have received a Historic Preservation Technical Assistance Grant from the CT Trust for Historic Preservation to create a Cultural Heritage Landscape Plan. This plan would help us identify, document, and protect the heritage landscapes that are vital to the history, character and quality of life in Preston.

We will be hosting this public meeting to solicit input on the development of a list of potential heritage landscapes in Preston. Heritage landscapes are special places created by human interaction with the natural environment that help define the character of our community and reflect its past. While many of us may immediately think of agricultural land, there are countless other special places in our community that we need to identify in order to help plan for their protection. We hope you'll be able to join us on June 3 to assist in this critical task.

Please RSVP to Linda Christensen, (887-5828 or LindaCh5@snet.net) so that we can plan accordingly. Feel free to invite others that might be interested in this process to join us for this meeting. If you'd like to learn more about a Cultural Heritage Landscape plan, please visit the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation website at:
<http://www.mass.gov/dcr/stewardship/histland/reconReports/athol.pdf>. More information about the Quinebaug-Shetucket Heritage Corridor can be found at:
www.thelastgreenvalley.org/

We look forward to working with you!