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In its period of existence the Brighton Area Historical Society has been effective in promoting its mission. The Society has made a contribution to the community because its members are positive of its value in this promotion.

Neighboring communities believe in the same principles. Historical District Committees have been formed and buildings and sites designated as historic and of value - to keep on site and in good repair. These sites are basic to the sense of place area residents perceive.

Present board members are deeply involved and committed to the mission. Five of the seven are employed - their commitment is above and beyond. The history book, Fund raising, publicity, newsletter, archiving, friends of the Lyons School, historic resource survey, oral history, barn survey, speaker bureau, historic site marker program/preservation - are major areas to which their efforts are directed. To be fully functional all of these projects need people to help sustain these programs.

Dates to Remember:
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