



# **Town of Hudson**

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## **Hudson Historical Commission Minutes January 15, 2020**

Members present: Peter Breton Chair, David Wilkinson; Ron Sorgman; Mike Volk; Al Morel and Mark Terra-Salomão.

The Chair opened the meeting at 6:14 PM

**1. Potential new members** –Mr. Hunter informed the commission that there were four inquiries regarding filling the spot on the Commission now vacant. Three of candidates are present. Ms. Andrews could not be present.

Mr. Breton asked Ms. Janssen to introduce herself to the Commission. Ms. Janssen informed the Commission that she is a long time resident of Hudson, recently retired as a nurse and has volunteered both for the Board of Health and the Council on Aging. She also has participated on the cultural council. She has a keen interest in the Town and loves its historical and historical properties.

Mr. Gelin introduced himself and noted he is a recent graduate of UMass Amherst with a degree in Political Science. He too has an interest in the Town and its history, but also mentioned he has long been an activist in equal rights and social justice.

Mr. Shultz informed the Board that he is a teacher at Lincoln Sudbury High and does woodworking and restoration on the side. He loves Hudson's Historic Buildings and is a proponent of enacting a demo delay by law.

Lastly, Mr. Hunter reviewed Ms. Andrews resume for the Board.

The Commission spent a considerable amount of time deliberating on who was the best candidate to bring forward to the Board of Selectmen.

All members agreed that all four were very strong candidates, but in the end the Commission unanimously felt Mr. Shultz had the most education and experience as a candidate.

On a motion by Mr. Sorgman, seconded by Mr. Terra-Salomão the Commission voted unanimously 6-0-0 to recommended Paul Shultz to be appointed to the Historical Commission.

On a motion by Mr. Sorgman, seconded by Mr. Volk the Commission voted unanimously 6-0-0 to recommended Dandrick Gelin to be appointed to the Historical Commission for the next vacancy.

On a motion by Mr. Volk, seconded by Mr. Breton the Commission voted unanimously 6-0-0 to recommended Kathleen Janssen to be appointed to the Historical Commission for the second vacancy.

**2. Historic Survey and Inventory** Mr. Hunter informed the Commission that they unfortunately did not receive the Mass Historical Grant he applied for.

**3. Demo Delay By Law** – Mr. Terra-Salomão distributed to the Commission a second draft Demo by law and other pertinent materials. He revised this draft using some of the comments he received from the Commission and Mr. Hunter.

The primary changes were that the eligible properties will be from a list compiled and approved by the Historical Commission and that the Commission would have up to one year to delay the demolition if the property is deemed significant.

The Commission liked the changes and discussed at length some of the definitions, the hearing process, enforcement, and remedies.

All members felt that in order to be prepared for the Fall Town Meeting a significant amount of outreach will be necessary. This would include briefing the Selectmen, holding an information session with property owners and having a session with the general public all before August of this year.

Mr. Terra-Salomão thanked the Commission and said he would finalize the next draft for the next meeting.

**4. Minutes of November 20, 2019** —On a motion by Mr. Sorgman, seconded by Mr. Breton the minutes of November 20, 2019 were approved unanimously.

**5. Other Business** – Mr. Hunter informed the Commission that the CPC has approved their application for Markers and Plaques so the next steps is for it to go to the Selectmen, finance committee and then Town meeting.

The Commission scheduled their next meeting for March 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM

On a motion by Mr. Breton, seconded by Mr. Wilkinson the meeting was adjourned at 7:49PM.