



# **Town of Hudson**

## **Historical Commission**

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### **Meeting Minutes**

#### **October 13, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM by chair Peter Breton.

Members present: Peter Breton, Chair; Paul Shultz; Ricky Gelin; Michael Volk; Al Morel; Mark Terra-Salomão

Staff: Pam Helinek; Jack Hunter

**2. Demo Delay Bylaw** – Mark Terra-Salomão has completed a new draft of the bylaw. Pam Helinek expressed concern about the length of the delay period and about the lack of clarity on whether the property owner can refuse the Commissions' alternatives to demolition. Jack Hunter said at the end of the delay period, the property owner can choose to demolish the building. The Commission said they liked the long delay and preferred leaving the final demolition decision open-ended.

Next steps were discussed. The plan is to put the bylaw on the warrant for Fall Town Meeting 2021. Michael Volk pointed out that the current draft includes all buildings in MACRIS, and that there are over 100 Lake Boon residences in MACRIS that may not be appropriate for demo delay. The Commission decided to further consider a list of buildings that fall under the bylaw. Michael Volk and Mark Terra-Salomão will work on a list.

**3. CPC Plaques and Markers**- Peter Breton informed the Commission that the CPC article will be on the Fall Town Meeting warrant on November 16. Pam Helinek said that if any of the Commissioners were planning to attend Town Meeting, they should be prepared to answer questions that might come up. Michael Volk said he would make sure that a Commissioner will be there or will go himself. Peter Breton said that after Town Meeting an application form and letter would need to be posted on the website and sent to property owners. Mark Terra-Salomão suggested Maynard as a model. Jack Hunter said that both Maynard and Southborough were good models and that SignLogic in Hudson had made the plaques for both towns.

**4. Minutes of August 27, 2020** —Mark Terra-Salomão commented that the date in the minutes was incorrect. Motion by Peter Bretton to approve the minutes with the amended date, vote 6-0-0.

**5. Other Business** – Michael Volk asked if something could be saved from the LaRosee building on 15 Broad Street. He suggested saving the tower before the building is demolished. Jack Hunter said that the town does not own the building, that the demo is scheduled for next week, and that the building is a serious public health hazard so that demolition should not be delayed. Peter Breton suggested a plaque with a picture and historical information. Paul Shultz suggested photos could be taken inside and out.

**6. Next meeting** – The next meeting was set for Tuesday December 1, 2020 at 6:30 PM.

**7. Adjournment** – Michael Volk moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Mark Mark Terra-Salomão, vote 6-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45PM.