



# **Town of Hudson**

## **Historical Commission**

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### **Meeting Minutes**

#### **February 22, 2021**

#### **1. Roll Call**

Chair Peter Breton called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

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

Staff:: Pam Helinek

#### **2. Plaques and Markers**

SignLogic has prepared several designs for the plaques. Michael Volk moved to have Pam Helinek move forward on a sign design with a color seal, "Hudson Historical Commission" underneath the seal with no squiggles, and to approve the text written by Mark Terra-Salomão currently being reviewed by Historical Society historian David Bonazzoli. Second by Al Morel, vote 6-0-1.

There are currently funds remaining for 7 more signs. Members who did not submit suggestions for the original list will mail suggestions to Pam Helinek and Michael Volk.

#### **3. Demolition Delay Bylaw**

Mark Terra-Salomão has updated the draft bylaw as decided at the last meeting, with buildings constructed before 1945 subject to demolition delay. The Commission discussed whether this was the best choice, how difficult it would be to succeed with a Town Meeting vote, how many buildings would be subject to the bylaw under this criteria, experiences of other towns, and the responsibilities of the Commission should they become a regulatory body. Mark Terra-Salomão said that the Commissioners should read the bylaw carefully before deciding to move forward because they will have to clearly understand all of it in order to talk to voters and to enforce it if it passes. Michael Volk said he is satisfied with the current draft of the bylaw. Al Morel said further discussion should be tabled until the Commission is ready to move forward, after the pandemic.

#### **4. Mass Historical Commission Grant Application**

It is too late to apply for a grant this year. Michael Volk requested that Commissioners send him any ideas they may have for future grants of all sizes and he will compile a list.

#### **5. New Ideas**

##### **a. Expanding the MACRIS Database**

Michael Volk has a list of 30-40 properties to add to MACRIS. He asked Commissioners to send him suggestions and maybe once or twice a year they can submit to MACRIS. Mark Terra-Salomão said that the properties identified by the consultant over a year ago are still not in MACRIS, and when he called

MHC they said it shouldn't take more than a month. He has tried contacting the consultant but she has not responded to his email. Pam Helinek will try to get other contact information. Mark Terra-Salomão suggesting sending the pdfs to MHC. The consultant identified additional properties to be submitted to MACRIS in the future. They should be added to Michael's list. Peter Breton suggested applying for CPA funds to get consultant help in preparing MACRIS forms for more properties.

**b. Historic Site Volunteer Cleanup Day**

Michael Volk suggested organizing a volunteer day for the fall. He has begun a list of sites that would benefit from cleanup. Cleanup Day could be posted on the Town website. MHC Archeology Month is October so potentially could be included as an activity in the MHC brochure. The Commission agreed to revisit the idea in late summer.

**c. Hudson Historical Society Museum Search Day**

Michael Volk suggested that one of the Commissioners visit the Hudson Historical Society Museum (currently closed due to the pandemic) once or twice a year and look for information that might be of interest to the Commission. Ricky Gelin volunteered to do so and send pictures to Michael of anything of interest.

**d. Facebook Page**

Michael Volk has made a Historical Commission facebook page as a repository for links to posts of interest. The page will be private. Ricky Gelin volunteered to monitor "You Know You Are From Hudson" facebook page and other local facebook pages and forward posts of interest to the Historical Commission page.

**e. Walking Tour of Historic Hudson Properties**

Mark Terra-Salomão had suggested putting together a self-guided tour but later realized that the Hudson Historical Society already has one. He will send the link to Pam Helinek and she will post on the Commission's webpage.

**6. Minutes**

Al Morel moved to approve the minutes from January 11, 2021. Second by Ron Sorgman, vote 7-0-0.

**7. Next Meeting**

The next meeting was set for April 12, 2021 at 7:00PM.

**8. Adjournment**

Ron Sorgman moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Michael Volk, vote 7-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM.