



# **Town of Hudson**

## **Historical Commission**

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### **Meeting Minutes**

#### **April 12, 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, Ron Sorgman (arrived 7:30PM)

Staff:: Pam Helinek

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

The non-Historic District plaques are currently being made by SignLogic. Mark Terra-Salomão and Pam Helinek plan to submit the Historic District plaques for next week's HDC meeting. SignLogic will provide 2"x2" aluminum posts for \$75 each. The Commission discussed making their own posts and decided to order from SignLogic. Pam Helinek will find out what they require for installation. She will find out if DPW can install them and if not, what SignLogic would charge. Paul Shultz offered to mount plaques on houses if people request help.

Peter Breton suggested having a media event for mounting the first plaque. Pam Helinek suggested they choose a Town building and said she could invite local press as well as local legislators.

**3. Minutes** – Al Morel moved to approve the minutes from February 22, 2021, second by Paul Shultz, vote 5-0-0

#### **4. MHC/CPC Grant Ideas**

The Commission reviewed the list of grant ideas. They agreed to get quotes on a number of items with the goal of submitting multiple applications to CPC in June for the November Town Meeting. Peter Breton will look into a more detailed historical survey. Al Morel will look into large metal plaques. Mark Terra-Salomão will work on a fund for more historical plaques and markers.

#### **5. Mass Historic Railroad Bridge letter**

Mass Historic has issued a letter protesting the removal of three old bridges along the Mass Central Rail Corridor, including the Fort Meadow Bridge in Hudson. Mike Volk provided pictures of this bridge, which has been destroyed by fire and is dangerous and impassible. Mike Volk moved that Pam Helinek draft a letter from the Commission expressing disagreement with the MHC letter, second by Mark Terra-Salomão, vote 6-0-0.

#### **6. Poor Farm Cemetery**

Mike Volk was cc'd on an email from the veteran's group that is looking to put a memorial plaque at the Poor Farm Cemetery. They seemed to think they can move forward although

there has been no indication that the property owner will agree. Mike Volk asked if the Commission should intervene. The Commission decided that no action was necessary at this time.

**7. Other Business**

Michael Volk expressed appreciation to Ricky Gelin for the many historical posts he has been sharing on the Historical Commission facebook page.

**8. Next Meeting**

The next meeting was set for May 24, 2021 at 7:00PM.

**9. Adjournment**

Mark Terra-Salomão moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Al Morel, vote 6-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.