



Town of Hudson

Historical Commission

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Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2021

1. Roll Call

Chair Peter Breton called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

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

Staff: Pam Helinek, Amanda Molina Dumas

2. Plaques and Markers

a. Status update

All the plaques are finished and almost all have been delivered. Five plaques made for historic railroad bridges have not been installed. One of the bridges has been demolished. Mike Volk has posted photos of the other four bridges on Facebook and asked for feedback as to where to install them. Pam Helinek suggested it would be better to visit the sites. A site visit has been scheduled for Friday Oct 1 2021 at 2:00. Any Commissioners available to participate should meet at Town Hall.

Peter Breton suggested the Commissioners drive by all the homes and buildings that have received plaques to see if they have been mounted, and to offer assistance mounting to anyone who has not done so. Pam Helinek will make a spreadsheet and put it on Google Drive so Commissioners can track which locations they have visited.

b. Owner-funded Plaques

Mark Terra-Salomão suggested allowing property owners to request plaques from the Historical Commission and pay themselves. He reported that the Maynard Historical Commission has a similar program. He volunteered to prepare a request form that property owners could use. Pam Helinek will post it on the Historical Commission webpage and announce the program on the Town website and email list and the department Facebook page. Mark Terra-Salomão moved to go forward with this program, second by Ricky Gelin, vote 6-0-0.

3. Historic Sign

Al Morel reported progress on the sign he is designing for the Unitarian Church, pending approval of CPA funds by Town Meeting. The Commission discussed size and placement of the plaque, and next steps to take after funding is approved.

4. Poor Farm Cemetery

Mike Volk has been communicating with the MA Sons of the American Revolution, who have ordered a commemorative sign for the Poor Farm Cemetery and have worked with the property owner to choose a location to install it when it arrives. Mark Terra-Salomão mentioned that at a past meeting Mike Volk had offered to write a thank you note to the Sons of the American Revolution for their efforts after the plaque was installed, and he thought that it was a good idea.

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting was set for Monday January 31, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

6. Adjournment

Ron Sorgman moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Al Morel, vote 6-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 PM.