



Town of Hudson

Historical Commission

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Meeting Minutes

January 31, 2022

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; Michael Volk; Ricky Gelin; Ron Sorgman

Staff: Pam Helinek; Amanda Molina Dumas

2. Historical House Marker Program (Owner-funded markers) – Update and Discussion

A flyer about the owner-funded markers was posted on the Town Website, on the Planning Departments Facebook page, and were mailed to properties previously identified by the Historical Commission. The Planning Department received a good amount of interest from the flyers, with 3 homeowners submitting applications and payment to have their properties researched. The Commission reviewed the 3 properties on Google Maps. Pam Helinek also asked the Commission to spread the word about the owner-funded marker program.

3. Unitarian Church Historical Marker – Update and Discussion

Al Morel circulated a PDF of the proposed sign for discussion among the Commission. He noted that the sign should be eye level and could use QR Codes to provide additional information for an interactive experience. Al Morel also noted that the sign could feature other buildings, such as Town Hall and the former Methodist Church site. The sign would need to be reapproved by the Unitarian Church. The Commission discussed the size and placement of the sign and what would be most user friendly. Peter Breton noted that the sign will need approval from the Historic District Commission. The CPC funds designated for the sign can be used for design, production, and/or installation.

4. Historical Survey Phase 2 – Discussion & Vote

The Commission discussed the previously identified list of 75 properties for the Historical Survey, Phase 2. Amanda Molina Dumas received feedback from members about adding three properties to the list (69 Lincoln Street, 75 Warner Street, and 364 Main Street), and suggested removing 2 cemeteries from the list, as they would be easier to create MACRIS forms for on our own. The Commission discussed if there would be an appearance of a conflict of interest if 2 members' homes are included on the survey list. 38 O'Neil Street should also be removed from the list as it was recently flipped and has lost most of its historical character. 119 Broad Street, the Hubert School, will need to be further investigated to determine if it is the original structure or a replacement structure. The following properties should be added to the list: 69 Lincoln Street, 55 Cottage Street, and 70 Cottage Street. Pam Helinek and the Commission discussed if procuring a consultant with CPC funds would require bidding the project out, and will check with the Executive Assistant/Chief Procurement Officer and will follow up with the Commission.

Mike Volk moved to add 364 Main Street (Al Morel's house) to the survey list. Second by Ron Sorgman, vote 6-0-1 (Al Morel abstaining).

Mike Volk moved to add 75 Warner Street (Paul Shultz's house) to the survey list. Second by Peter Breton, vote 5-0-2 (Al Morel and Paul Shultz abstaining).

Mike Volk moved to accept the survey list as modified (remove 2 cemeteries, 38 O'Neil Street and 119 Broad Street; add 69 Lincoln Street, 55 Cottage Street, 70 Cottage Street, 75 Warner Street, and 364 Main Street). Second by Ron Sorgman, vote 6-0-1 (Paul Shultz abstaining).

Mike Volk moved to allow Planning Department staff to procure the consultant on behalf of the Commission. Second by Mark Terra-Salomão, vote 7-0-0.

5. Approval of Minutes from September 20, 2021

Mark Terra-Salomão moved to approve the minutes from September 20, 2021. Second by Paul Shultz, vote 7-0-0.

6. Other Business

Poor Farm Cemetery Update – Sign for site arrived damaged and had to be reordered before being installed. The area has been cleared and a spot has been chosen for the sign, which will likely be installed in the Spring.

Representative for CPC – Mark Terra-Salomão moved to nominate Peter Breton as the Historical Commission representative to the CPC. Second by Paul Shultz, vote 7-0-0.

Google Drive Repository of Massachusetts Historical Commission webinars and resources – Amanda Molina Dumas will save all resources in Historical Commission's Google Drive folder.

7. Next Meeting & Discussion of 2022 Meeting Schedule

Paul Breton moved to accept the meeting schedule as written. Second by Mike Volk, vote 7-0-0.

8. Adjournment

Mark Terra-Salomão moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Peter Breton, vote 7-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.