

Historical Commission Minutes, 6/13/22

Members present: Peter Johnson, Charlie Minott, Judy Grecco, Chris Haraden (remote),

Member absent: Caleb Estabrooks

Other present: In-person: David DeGhetto, Les Molyneaux

Remote: John O'Leary, Kenton Greene, Brenna Roberts, Stephen Ryerson, Steve Louko

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Review and approve minutes of 5/9/22 meeting. Only change is spelling correction of Luddam's Ford.

Charlie moves to approve the minutes

Judy Seconds

4-0 in favor

733 Main Street update. David DeGhetto reports that purchase and sale agreement has been signed with the trust that owns 733 Main Street. Has met with Joseph Stack of the Hanover Building Department. Work has begun to apply for permits to dismantle the chimneys brick by brick. Demolition delay has expired, but David is now in control of the house. P&S includes most outbuildings and some of the significant stonework on the property. Dumpster will be on site to dispose of the newer parts of the house that are not being moved. Owner will be responsible to fill in cellar hole. House will be moved in two sections to lot on Union Street prior to excavation of the foundation.

Also a P&S signed for the lot on Union Street.

House will have an attached garage on the east side. Septic has been designed for a five bedroom house.

Timing will be determined by the responsiveness of the utilities regarding movement of the wires. Goal is this summer.

Historic features along rail trail. Peter, Charlie, and Judy toured the rail trail area on Saturday. Steve Louko asked for advice on the historic features along the trail that could be preserved, according to DCR guidelines. Steve sent a document with some items, including "whistle-stop markers" made of concrete with a W to delineate the distance to a crossing. Also the potential to preserve a section of the rails was discussed. The bridge over the river that provided the right of way into town for the Hanover Branch Railroad is also desirable for preservation. There is the potential to install some markers along the trail with wayfinding and historical information. Steve reports that the engineer is working on the site plan, which will go to DCR for approval, and then back to Hanover Conservation Commission for its review. Hoping for completion before next summer. Parking would be on Route 139 in a state-owned lot across from West Hanover Pizzeria.

Name change for Luddam's Ford Park. Bill Scarpelli's proposal for the potential to change the name to reflect the correct name of James Ludden, not Luddam. He is meeting with the Pembroke Historical Commission on Thursday night. The town manager says that changing the

name of the park would require a vote of town meeting. Les M. reports that the name has been spelled differently throughout history, and that the park signage and plaque has had the name spelled that way for hundreds of years. Concur that the man's name is properly Ludden, but how great a priority should it be, and how much expense should we go to in order to correct this? The Commission will await feedback from Pembroke, as the park is on both sides of the river.

Town Weights and Measures Scale. The town manager asked for an update, but there is nothing new to report. Commission had suggested locating it near stairwell in Town Hall.

Establishing Local Historic Districts. No update.

Historic Resources Project Phase 3. Charlie compiled a geographic list of 123 houses to be updated since last MACRIS update in 1983. Peter and Charlie will view the houses and recommend selections to be revised in Phase 3.

Planning and goals for 2022. Have been thinking of recognizing significant restoration projects, perhaps a joint venture with the Historical Society.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Next meetings:

July 11

August 8