

Hanover Historical Commission

Minutes of Meeting: October 18, 2021

Members present: Peter Johnson, Caleb Estabrooks, Judy Grecco, Charlie Minott

Peter Johnson opened the meeting at 7:00 PM

1) Review/Approval Meeting Minutes: Meeting minutes of the 9/13/21 HHC meeting were reviewed and approved. Chris Haraden will post them to the HHC town website.

2) Update: 733 Main St.: Peter will continue efforts to connect with the Trustee for the property. We are trying to establish if the property owners are still interested in funding a potential move of the main house or if they still want to remove the main house. Peter expects we should have more information on this by our next HHC meeting, Caleb mentioned that while the principal focus is on the fate of the main house, we should also consider relocation options for the outbuildings as well.

3) Update: Local Historic District Initiative: Joe Colangelo will put this item to establish a Local Historic District study committee on the next Selectboard's agenda. Judy Grecco noted that an Open Space Committee brochure identified a number of designated "villages" within Hanover that may give a good starting point for developing initial local historic districts.

4) Update: Sylvester School: HHC had an onsite meeting with the Town Manager and DPW to review the DPW's proposal for space utilization within two classroom areas and for the proposal to install an external ramp on the back of the building to provide public access. HHC endorsed the DPW proposal at that meeting.

5) Update: Additional Shutters for Town Hall: This item is closed (see previous meeting minutes).

6) Update: CPA Project: shutters for 1st Congregational Church: Peter will reach out to John Goldthwaite, Hal Thomas or Mary Dunn to determine if they want to pursue a project for shutter replacement and additional shutters on the sides of the church.

7) Update: Historic Resources Survey-Phase3: None of the 133 Phase 2 properties updated by PAL were updated in MACRIS as of today. Charlie noted MACRIS does have a mapping function and we can manually add the 133 Phase 2 properties on the map. This will result in a visual of all updated properties and will be a good tool for us to use in establishing the specific properties we'd like to select for the Phase 3 survey.

8) Historic Massachusetts Conference Update: Peter and Chris attended this virtual conference. Chris attended the Demolition Delay Bylaw sessions and Peter attended the

MACRIS Database/Map session. The recorded sessions are available through 10/24 on the Preservation Massachusetts website; Peter will send the link to us all.

9) Planning Goal for Next 12 Months: We agreed on the following goals for initiatives within the next year:

>Improvements to the Demolition Delay Bylaw (one area we would want to consider is when we should be notified of an intended demolition: now it's when a demo permit application is filed; should we also be notified when the Planning Board is notified of an intended demolition?}

>Phase 3 Historic Resources Survey

>Local Historic District Initiative

>Initiating an Awards Program for Good Preservation by Contractors and Homeowners

>Determining the provenance of the wall painting that's located in the attic of the Washington St. home

10) **Other Business:** Caleb reported that Marshfield requested to add three more Shipyard signs.

Meeting adjourned: 8:15 PM

C. Minott