

# Hanover Historical Commission

## ***Minutes of Meeting: July 12, 2021***

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

Peter Johnson opened the meeting at 7:01 PM

**1) Review/Approval Meeting Minutes:** Meeting minutes of the 6/8/21 HHC meeting were reviewed and approved with minor corrections. Chris will post them to the HHC town website.

**2) Update: 733 Main St.:** Peter reached out to the Trustee for 733 Main St (Greg Cogan) to determine if progress had been made in identifying alternate development concepts that included preservation of the preferably preserved main house and out-buildings. Mr. Cogan said he had been on vacation but expected to contact us later this week with updates.

**3) Local Historic District Initiative:** Despite a number of meetings, Caleb has not been able to get the Selectboard's support to establish a Local Historic District study committee. Peter will talk with Joe Colangelo to determine what is needed to get Selectboard support.

**4) Sylvester School Update:** The only bidder on the RFP for repurposing the school withdrew his bid in May of this year. Since that time, there has been no update from the Selectboard on the plan for the future use of the Sylvester School.

**5) Additional Shutters for Town Hall(CPA funded):** John Goldthwait mentioned to Peter that all the replacement shutters that were originally intended to be installed during the Town Hall renovation had not been installed. Apparently, there is still CPA funding remaining in the project account that could be used if required. Charlie agreed to investigate with personnel from Town Hall and the project architect (Mackinnon & Mackinnon) and report back at our next meeting.

**6) CPA Project: shutters for 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational Church:** John Goldthwait told Peter the church may propose a CPA project to replace its front shutters. The current shutters are not sized correctly for the windows. As a starting point, they'd like to get the specification for the new shutters on Town Hall. Charlie agreed to get the shutter specification from Town Hall or the project architect and report back at our next meeting.

**7) Historic Resources Survey-Phase3:** Peter did an analysis of remaining funding available for this Phase 3 survey and concluded there was more funding in the account than what the Finance Director had earlier reported. Peter will try to resolve this mismatch before our next meeting so we have a clear understanding of our budget for the upcoming Phase 3 survey. Peter recommended we also have a database of all Hanover properties that have had updated Form B's from Phase 1 and 2 surveys. This will be a useful tool to help us identify which

properties already in MACRIS have not been updated and are therefore candidates for Phase 3 scope. Peter has updated Form Bs for the Phase 2 survey and will verify which if any have been downloaded to MACRIS. Charlie will locate Phase 1 survey results and do the same for these results. At our next meeting we can merge our results and determine whether (1) the current MACRIS is up to date and therefore provides a useful tool for scoping Phase 3 work or (2) we have to alter the MACRIS database to reflect all updates. In addition to those properties listed in MACRIS, we will also consider properties not now in MACRIS but still worthy of consideration.

**Next HHC meeting: Mon, August 9, 2021 7pm**

Meeting adjourned: 8:45 PM // C. Minott