

## Historical Commission Meeting Minutes -- Approved

DATE: November 16, 2020

TIME: 5:00 P.M.

PLACE: Zoom Virtual Meeting

FOR: Regular Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Malcolm Fick, Don Howe, Gary Leveille, David Rutstein

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Bill Nappo, Marilyn Bisiewicz, Paul Ivory

1. Chairman Fick called the meeting to order as a virtual meeting authorized by the Governor's March 15, 2020 order. A roll-call was conducted to determine members present.
2. Mr. Howe moved to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2020 meeting. Mr. Rutstein seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously by roll-call vote.
3. Mr. Fick informed the commission that no budgeted FY21 funds have yet been used.
4. CPA Update
  - Trolley Shelter Restoration – Mr. Howe reported that the Town will prepare for bidding in the Spring and that the trees encroaching on the shelter will be trimmed or removed..
  - Downtown Housatonic Inventory Forms – Mr. Howe reported that an issue has been favorably resolved with the Town regarding donations from individuals who would like to pay for their properties being included in the inventory.
  - FY22 CPA projects – The CPA request was submitted by Mr. Fick and will be presented on Tuesday, November 17. Mr. Fick said he had missed a deadline for submitting the Step 2 application but the CPC, stating that this was an application already approved last year, agreed to accept the submission after the deadline.
5. Clinton Church and Congregational Church Letters
  - Mr. Fick that letters of support were written for the Clinton Church restoration and the Congregational Church projects for submission to the CPC.
6. Great Barrington Lost Research Project – Mr. Fick reported that he is informed that grant applications for the Kaplan Fund will be accepted in March. Requested changes have been made by Mr. Bernie Berlow. Mr. Ivory completed the forward.
7. Newsboy Landscape Recommendations – Mr. Leveille reported that Daedelus, the Newsboy Monument restoration and maintenance vendor, said they would prefer to see the shrubs surrounding the monument removed because they were holding moisture organic matter that damage dolomite stone. Mr. Howe reported that the Town will seek seek bids for landscaping

work in conjunction with the Parks Commission based on a list that Mr. Leveille volunteered to prepare.

8. Other Member Issues/New Business

- Mr. Fick reminded members to submit their Conflict of Interest and Open Meeting acknowledgements to the Town.
- Mr. Howe reported a discussion at the CPC meeting that said that terms of the gift to the town of Ramsdell Library provides that the property will revert to the Ramsdells and heirs if the building is no longer used for a library.

9. There were no non-members present at the time for citizens speak.

10. The next meeting date was set for January 11, 2021 at 5:00pm.

11. Having concluded its business, Mr. Fick adjourned without objection.

Respectfully submitted,  
Malcolm Fick  
Chairman