

Minutes

Housatonic Improvement Committee

January 21, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm. Attending: Bev Norse, Dan Bailly, Eric Gabriel, and Angela Lomato

Approval of minutes was tabled. Eric will contact Jane about missing minutes.

Housatonic School Update

Patrick reported that the charette looks like things are a little more complicated than we'd hoped and we should try to push that off until March if we can. Kerry at Berkshire Design needs some more time to attract as many participants as possible and while they will run the specific charette portion of our program, we need to facilitate it ourselves - so we should talk about what that looks like.

We discussed how to coordinate information and listed several possibilities: posting to the Town website, a press release, and by posting to the Housatonic Neighbors Facebook group.

We discussed how to solicit public input. Three ideas emerged: at the charette, at a meeting before the charette, and through a request on Facebook and in a press release.

Several comments were made by citizens: it will be helpful to have ideas first, architects can prioritize, the windows need to be fixed and the doors are open. Steve Bannon mentioned that he has requested remediation for the school.

Misc.

It was noted that there are two openings within the committee.

Angela made a request for more input for the SWOT analysis.

Citizen's Speak:

Two citizen's mentioned the heavy traffic on N. Plain Road especially in the early morning and at night. Heavy traffic on Division Street was also noted. It was noted that if the traffic is from Hormel's to contact them directly.

A question was asked about when the Division Street bridge would be opened. Steve Bannon reported that the town is waiting for the governor to sign transportation bill so the town can see what is included.

It was noted that the Selectboard would be setting goals on February 27.

Next Meeting: February 11, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34pm.

End of Minutes

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Lomato