

Hic Minutes

Housatonic Improvement Committee

September 2, 2020

Attending: Dan Bailly, Beverly Nourse, Eric Gabriel, and Angela Lomanto

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 pm.

Dan Bailly read the required statement.

There was a discussion about the Housatonic School since the Select Board has made it a priority for strategic planning. No recommendation will be made until there is an architectural charette and the committee has gathered more information from the town's Master Plan. There was no formal investigation from the Economic Development Committee except to encourage community-related uses and to keep the building. Cost estimates for the building include \$1M to raze it, \$2.5 M to make it ready to turn over to a public-private partnership, and \$5M to turn it over to a private entity.

There was some discussion about moving the library into the building which could enable funds earmarked for capital needs at the library to contribute to the re-use of the Housatonic School.

Angela agreed to contact the American Institute of Architects to arrange for a charette.

When a survey was discussed, mention was made that the town has resources for a survey.

Reporting about the SWOT analysis, Angela reported that several people had responded to her on-line post to the Housatonic Neighbors Facebook group. The request will be read into the public record at the next meeting.

The next meeting was scheduled for Sept. 16th at 6:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm by a motion from AL, seconded by EG and passed unanimously.