

Housatonic Improvement Committee

August 19, 2021

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

Dan read the required Massachusetts statements.

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by unanimous agreement.

Acceptance of Minutes - The minutes from 8/12 were approved unanimously, with a corrected date.

Potential New Committee Members:

A motion was made and seconded to recommend Louise Goldsmith and Daniel Bialowes to the Selectboard as two new members of the committee. The motion passed unanimously. Eric offered his reasoning for the candidates he encouraged in response to a question.

Housatonic School update:

- Patrick shared the document the group will present to the AIA members who volunteer for the charette. Each member was asked about his or her revisions and additions. The document would be used in tandem with the photos and other documents that we have collected. Angela and Patrick volunteered to make revisions and recirculate the draft to be discussed at the next meeting. Angela will invite Kerry Bartini, AIA to the next meeting.

All Things Housatonic:

- Eric: Reported that the rail trail will have airport mix added to it which is good for upkeep and drainage. There was discussion of the borders and if it could be expanded. Angela volunteered to call the BNRC to see if it is part of their High Road system linking CT with VT, through Berkshire County. There was discussion about the "rest of river" agreement and the Division St. boat launch.
- Eric: the crosswalk sign at A & B Package Store will be moved to Pleasant and Front Streets near the playground.
- Dan: Asked if there are any discussion with W. Stockbridge or Stockbridge about water. Eric reported that the Selectboard will discuss at their Monday meeting and he asked that people in the room take flyers to post about the water issue.

Citizen Speak:

Michelle Loubert: Attended the GBFD meeting. The Housatonic Fire District could solve the water problem and may be eligible for infrastructure dollars. She reminded everyone about the 8/23 Selectboard meeting.

Louise Goldsmith: asked about flashing lights on Main Street. Eric reported that they are not legal obligations but were requested during the design phase of the sidewalk project.

Denise Forbes: Suggested that the Selectboard negotiate with a well driller and a water purification system company to help residents of Housatonic.

Jim Stark: Asked why some residents had brown water and others did not.

Next Meeting: September 2, 6:30 pm

Adjourned: 7:32 pm by unanimous agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Lomanto