

Housatonic Improvement Committee

September 16, 2021

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

Dan read the required Massachusetts statements. He asked that any questions or comments from the public be held until the committee had had their discussions of the topic at hand and to please stay focused on the topic.

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by unanimous agreement.

Acceptance of Minutes - The minutes from 9/2 were approved unanimously, as written.

Housatonic School update:

- Kerry Bartini, AIA has asked that the committee chose some dates for the charrette and she will work toward getting the volunteer architects and getting credit for their participation. The HIC chose October 23 or October 30th for the possible dates.
We will ask for use of the Housy Dome and hold the charrette, in person, with proper social distancing and protocols in place. We will also ask for use of the "owl" in order to allow the public to use Zoom and ask CTSB if they might broadcast. Dan will request use of the Housy Dome and Angela will contact CTSB as well as find out what the architects need for workspace. Dan will request that the school be open during the charrette. Eric volunteered to bring sanitizer, food, and drink.
- Eric made a motion to make a recommendation to the Selectboard on October 25 with a report to follow-up as a separate presentation.

All Things Housatonic:

- Eric: The crosswalk sign is back at Pleasant and Front Streets. He noted that graffiti is now in more places and asked that people be vigilant. He is excited to see work happening in the corner market.
- Dan: Could there be walking tours of Housatonic, maybe even the day of the charrette? Someone could reach out to the Historic Society.
- Bev: Reported there had been vandalism in the St. Bridget's cemetery from farm animals. Dan pointed out that the town doesn't maintain the area.

Citizen Speak:

- Eileen Mooney: asked about sidewalks with poles in the center of them. Dan responded.
- Ben Elliott: noted that the intersection of Pleasant and Main is dangerous. He requested that there be better sound quality during the charrette than during other remote broadcasts.
- Alan Soto: asked about the design professionals coming to the charrette and if they'd have floorplans of the school.

Next Meeting: September 30, 6:30 pm

Adjourned: 7:40 pm by unanimous agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Lomanto