Housatonic Improvement Committee

March 24, 2022

Attending: Dan Bailly, Patrick Barrett, Daniel Bialowes, Eric Gabriel, Louise Goldsmith, Angela Lomanto, and Bev Nourse.

Dan read the required Massachusetts statements.

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by unanimous agreement, 7-0.

<u>Acceptance of Minutes</u> - The minutes from 3/10 were approved as written and accepted by a 6 -0 vote with one abstention.

The committee discussed a village-wide event and reviewed the outline provided by Dan (Bailly) and Eric. The date of 10/10 was discussed as well as the structure of the event. September 24th was eliminated because of the Lenox Apple Squeeze. It was noted that usually the Berkshire Botanical Garden has its Harvest Festival on Columbus Day weekend but nothing has been posted.

Several items will be explored:

- Hiring llamas and/ or "flying dogs"
- Whether the fire department would like to be involved
- Finding music and performances
- Having a picnic in the park
- Finding out if SoCo and/or A & B could provide ice cream for sale.
- Finding out if Pleasant & Main could provide a food booth.

All Things Housatonic:

An update on the RFP process for the Housatonic School will be given at the Selectboard meeting on March 28.

Brandi Nelson, chair of the Planning Board, is looking for an associate member and would like to know about land use issues or underutilized property.

Citizen Speak:

Jim Stark invited anyone to participate in the Housatonic Cleanup on April 23rd at 8 am. People should meet at the Firehouse where trash bags will be provided. Participants should bring gloves.

He also mentioned that insurance might be needed for the event.

He asked about progress on the water issue.

Next Meetings: April 7, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

Adjourned: 7:32 pm by unanimous agreement, 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Lomanto