

October 6, 2022
Minutes Housatonic Improvement Committee

Angela read opening statements

Angela, Bev and Eric in person at the Housy dome.
Louise and Patrick via zoom.

Meeting called to order at 6:38 Eric made motion Louise 2nd. Approved 5-0.

Angela introduces both candidates for open seat. They are Scott Shortt and Ben Elliot.

Ben gave a summary of his background. He grew up in Housatonic and moved back to area. Lives right across from the Housatonic Community Center on Pleasant Street. He works in content production and has experience with social media.

Scott Shortt moved to Berkshires 15 years ago. Moved to Housatonic 5 years ago, lives on Fairview Road. He is a serial entrepreneur who has started several business, one that created 700 jobs. He has determination and can execute/ finish challenging projects.

Angela asked about their experience with old buildings?

Scott says he isn't handy with hands but has done renovation and worked with investors in Lenox.

Ben states that he is mostly a writer but has been learning fast while remodeling his current home.

Party in the Park

Angela talked about why it was canceled: the food truck backed out. Pulse was on fence and clown said no.

Angela states we should start by setting a new date for spring or summer

Eric states that we should plan it for middle of June, use the Housatonic the Beautiful just for the money side of things, and make it a rain or shine event, possibly get a tent involved for dancers or shade. Bev agreed

Louise says late June and is curious what else we could add to event.

Angela wants to raise more money and add more activities.

Patrick discussed adding an art market and local offerings or food to accommodate vegetarians. He suggested using Berkshire Busk as a resource.

Angela will search to see what events happen in June in the Berkshire.

Bev mentioned hiring face painters this time around and is willing to use past connections from her time with the Lenox Library for face painters and other performers.

Discussion of village signs

Eric suggested we keep signs directing people to the village center. Angela asked Eric to contact Joe Aberdale about sign size and funding.

Cook's Garage

Chris Rembolt asked for meeting to be moved to November

All Things Housatonic

Louise asked about status of housy rail trail upgrades.

Angela mentioned the welcome party hosted by the Friends of the Library to welcome Samara Klein to her new position of library director.

Citizen Speak

Ben Elliot asked about status of new trees in park

Angela suggested going to monthly meeting

Eric said we should go monthly until February when Party in the Park planning starts up again.

Everyone agreed

Next meeting November 17, 6:30

Eric made motion to adjourn at 7:30. 5 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Gabriel