



Housatonic Improvement Committee Meeting

June 6th, 2023; 6:30pm

Housatonic Community Center (the Housy Dome)
1064 Main St, Housatonic, MA 01236

Members present:

Angela Lomanto (chair)
Eric Gabriel
Scott Shortt
Daniel Bialowas (vice chair)
Ben Elliot
Louise Goldsmith (virtually)

Members absent:

Beverly Nourse

Ben read statement MGL. c. 30A sec. 20 (f) regarding recordings and agenda items, as well as the statement about Zoom recordings, as this meeting is being recorded.

Eric made a motion to open the meeting. Daniel seconded. The roll-call vote was unanimous. The meeting was called to order at 6:38pm.

Eric made a motion to accept the minutes for May 2 and May 18th. The motion was seconded by Daniel. The minutes were approved unanimously.

The first agenda item was Party in the Park.

Angela started the conversation regarding the Party in the Park by talking about the budget. She noted that the event was very close to having spent down all the money, and the Committee agreed that any leftover money can be donated to Housatonic the Beautiful.

Angela asked the Committee if any members would like to sit at the HIC table, and the Committee agreed upon a schedule.

Angela went on to discuss the set up schedule. Beginning with Friday, the Committee needs to begin setup with the flags and the stage. Eric offered to look at the flag pole so the flags could be strung to it. Scott offered to bring the flags by on Friday to look at with Eric. Eric offered to check in with the town regarding a flag for the flagpole. Ben asked about the RFP signs for the fence- Eric said they can take signs down that are advertising a development opportunity. Daniel stated that he has the frame ready for the event and will bring it Saturday. Eric stated that the stage will be constructed on Friday after



school by Will Conklin of Greenagers. Eric stated that he will be there Friday to oversee installation amongst other things.

Angela stated that Berkshire Mountain Spring Water will attend and support the event. She also reported that Berkshire Roller Girls will attend and will skate on the court. Ben asked about the location of the food truck, and Eric stated it was being relocated to a different spot. Angela reported that CHP requested to attend to promote WIC, and the Committee agreed that this is a good idea.

Angela asked Scott to take photos, and reminded the rest of the Committee to take photos during the event for future promotions. Angela said that she will be there at 9:00AM, and requested that a Committee member take on directing vendors to their location. The Committee will gather at 10:00AM to check in. Angela requested that all of the gates be open for the day of so vendors could easily load in and out.

Angela discussed announcements, which include thanks for all participants and sponsors. Ben reported on the website traffic. As of right now, there have been 181 unique visitors with 212 visits, and 294 page views. Scott asked if there is Wi-Fi in the park. Eric will check in regarding this. Angela will share Richard's information so the Committee can get shirts before the event.

Ben asked if Ellen has reached out to reporters for day of coverage. Eric offered to reach out to Heather Bellows for coverage. Eric will also double check that there will be extra garbage cans.

The Committee scheduled a follow up meeting for Thursday, 6/15.

The second agenda item was Citizen Speak.

Nobody from the media was present.

Eric made a motion to adjourn, Daniel seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:11PM.

Respectfully submitted, Eric Gabriel