

## Housatonic Improvement Committee

### Minutes

June 8, 2021

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

Dan read the required Massachusetts statement.

Acceptance of Minutes - none

Housatonic School update:

Dan talked to Steve McCallister from Clark & Green about the Greyhouse Partners proposal

Angela met with Kerry Bartini. Kerry is looking towards Fall 2021 for the charette and needs more information. Patrick volunteered to collate all the information we have thus far. Angela has contacted 1Berkshire's economic development team and the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission for any work they've done to identify Berkshire County needs.

Eric wanted to know if housing is still on the table and expressed the need to define a path. He mentioned that the Town wants a recommendation before allotting money to stabilize the roof and windows.

Dan mentioned that the Town could do the work in August and that the funds become available on July 1. Eric moved to recommend to the Town that the building be stabilized with the \$25K allocated. Patrick seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Misc.

Eric reported that the State will lift restrictions on in-person meetings on June 15.

Bev asked about her reappointment to the HIC.

All Things Housatonic:

Eric reported with an update from Bettina Montano (Berkshire Pulse). They looked at Cook's Garage and the roof damage. The Town will remove debris and the dumpster will be removed. Dan mentioned that perhaps the building could be torn down which would help Berkshire Pulse with parking needs. The town is trying to locate the source of the spring.

The Housie Dome is going through an LED conversion and insulation will be upgraded within the next two weeks.

Patrick reported on the "chatter" on Facebook about the sidewalk project. He will review the design documents and the RFP. Dan has met with a few people including the design engineer and Sean Van Deusen. They are addressing a punch list and corrections including ADA, drainage, striping, manholes, and pitch issues. Eric mentioned that the Town is forced to take the lowest

bidder. The Town's goal is to expand the sidewalk areas as much as possible. The Route 7 project near CATA is a State project.

Citizen Speak:

Trevor and Denise Forbes registered their discontent about the Planning Board's recommendation to accept the event permit application for 250 Long Pond Road.

Michelle Loubert mentioned the smell of creosote near the railroad storage area when she toured with Smitty Pignatelli.

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm

Adjourned: 8:00 pm

End of Minutes:

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Lomato