

Hanson Historical Commission Meeting Minutes 02/08//2017

The meeting to order at 6:05pm.

Members Present: Allan Clemons, Marcus Linn, Patty Norton, Tom Hickey
and Teresa Santalucia

Members absent: Lawrence Mills

Guest: Marisa Eacobacci, 93 Indian Head Street

Meeting Minutes from January 11, 2017 were not available so we will table this until our March meeting.

Old Business

Capital Improvement Plan has Camp Kiwanee on their agenda. Tom will try and speak to Mr. John Norton, Chairman of Capital Improvement Committee.

The grant application was hand delivered by our State Representative Josh Cutler. A motion was made to have Tom Hickey put in a place holder for the grant application matching funds with Merry Marini, Seletman's secretary, by Teresa and seconded by Allan Passed 5-0. We have the flash drive that a volunteer did of the White's book that was updated last year and the MHC 1993 inventory of buildings in Hanson. Patty will try to burn to CD and the Historical Society will sell with the updated White's Book, that they already sell.

MPPF grant was talked about and it would only be for Camp Kiwanee or Schoolhouse #4. A later motion by Teresa seconded by Allan that we put in with CPC for the preparing and painting of the Schoolhouse #4 for this May Town Meeting. Passed 5-0. While talking about CPC if all 4 members of HHC that are on CPC are present at CPC meetings, we have to post as a joint meeting. Patty will handle with the secretary & Chair of CPC. The minutes of CPC should cover for us.

Discussed our long range plans: See attached spreadsheet that was done by Tom.

Update 1996 Historical Survey/Inventory to include properties built pre-1970. Patty has compared the 1996 survey with the assessors list of

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homes built to 1970. The 1996 survey only did 169 homes. From 1st home built in 1692 to 1800 we have 23 homes not on 1996 list, homes built until 1850 – 71 not on list that is a total of 94 pre 1900 homes not on survey list. Also, homes built until 1900 – 127 not on list, until 1910 – 85 not on list, until 1920 – 70 not on list, until 1925 – 100 not on list and until 1930 – 85 not on list. Making a total of 570 homes pre 1930 that are not on the list.

Develop Historical Preservation Plan was tabled until later pre 2019.

Create a Historical and Cultural Resources Inventory that includes location of all town historical documents and artifacts was discussed as were storage might be for all items of Historical Society that are in private homes. Tom will ask Mr. McCue again about the beekeeper's portion of the building that is shared with the food pantry. Teresa stated she would help if we need help and Marcus suggested we should photo as well as doing a description of the items/s.

Develop a Cemetery Preservation Plan will be tabled for a future item.
Local Historical District/MHC/National Register initiatives

Investigate establishment of Local Historic District and Historic District Commission – Tom suggested that if we decide this it must first go to MHC, then if they approve to the Selectmen and then to Town Meeting. We will investigate.

Apply for National Register of Historic Places: about the only place still standing is Town Hall we will push this to a future meeting in 2017.

Conduct annual needs assessment of existing National Register Properties: The Schoolhouse #4 needs preparing and painting so a motion was made by Teresa and seconded by Allen to put in a preapplication with CPC for \$10,000. Passed 5-0. Patty will do the preapplication for CPC meeting on February 16, 2017. We should find out about the library Historical inventory that they have. We will push this to the future.

Park, Museum & Archiving/Storage Initiatives

Heritage park near Bonney House was discussed but we have to know how much land is included with the Bonney House so Tom will contact the assessors or Mr. McCue to see if they can give us an idea.

Museum at Bonney House – In previous meetings we have discussed this.

Improvement of pocket parks at various areas: This should be park of the

Conservation committee and finalize with the Bicentennial. HHC should support only.

Individual Projects Establish communication with relevant town committees and the Hanson Historical Society

1857 Map restoration – Put this in the future but maybe we could use CPC for the restoration.

House signs for “Historical Homes” - This could be a fund raiser for the Historical Society.

Place historical markers in relevant places which is CPC eligible and we could put on the October Town Meeting.

Repair Thomas Mill Wheel – Allan will speak to Iris Morway and again we could put on the October Town Meeting

Increase Educational Programming and community awareness – Teresa suggested we have a poster contest with the schools/library for Bicentennial and put in historic facts about Hanson in the local paper for the Bicentennial year.

Historic Building & Housing – Teresa is working on this through the Housing Authority but asked why there was no placard on LZ Thomas School stating it was a school and then assisted housing..

Regulations, Policy & Other Approvals- Demolition Delay Bylaw – We do not want to be heavy handed in this so we will have to draft something later and make sure Bob Curran, current building inspector, is aware of the HHC Bicentennial – discussed earlier in Educational programming & community awareness. We will have to make the public aware of the Bicentennial

The committee approved the annual Town report that Tom wrote to put in the Town Report. Motion by Teresa and seconded by Allan. Passed 5-0.

We moved to have Marcus and Allan as representatives to the Bicentennial Committee for Hanson. Motion by Teresa and seconded by Patty. Passed 5-0

At 7:25pm Allan moved to adjourn seconded by Teresa, Passed 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Norton