

Hanson Historical Commission Meeting Minutes     September 21, 2016

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm.

Present: Marcus Linn, Allan Clemons, Larry Mills, Patty Norton,  
Tom Hickey

Guests: Roberta Cameron & Courtney Starling from COG

COG

there are no written roles for HHC. Tasks - look over previous goals  
2008 Town Plan – complete Historical Inventory  
Apply for Historic District  
Establish historic District Commission  
Record and protect private cemeteries

2020 activities – spearhead and how close is the completion of inventory?

Courtney stated it could be \$200 to \$400 per form

Bad news- Survey NOT CPC eligible but not so for restoration for  
cemeteries

Allan stated Thomas Mill needs rebuilt wheel and Marcus stated it needs  
work on the building. 1<sup>st</sup> built in 1685, then early 1800 then burned in 1929  
and redone in 1970

COG has heard there are storage problems for many town items – needs a  
proper presentation.

Allan asked if boulders/ historical markers could be funded through CPC and  
Roberta thought yes.

Tom left at 6:25pm

Allan passed out the ideas he spoke to Roberta about for HHC at last  
Wednesday's meeting.

Allan stated and Roberta confirmed you could improve parking at Thomas  
Mill and make Packet Parks at Maquan Pond on Rt. 14 and at Thomas Hall.  
Phil Clemons stepped in at 6:45pm

Roberta stated that the last Capital Improvement Plan for Camp Kiwanee was  
2005. What was done?

There is potential for preserving historic buildings. Allan & Marcus stated

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the train depot-now storage for Dunkin Donuts, Cranberry buildings, the old store in South Hanson and homes - 2<sup>nd</sup> oldest house in town and Cushing home

Roberta asked what was going on with the school on East Washington St.

Allan stated it was privately owned but for sale for past 10 years.

Roberta asked about artifacts found in area – Indian wise

Allan stated early 1560 this area was called Thousand Acres and the Indian wanted the Ponds. Artifacts found on Crescent Street and Maquan Pond had arrowheads and that the “Indian Crossway” was Main Street to Elm Street towards East Bridgewater through Cedar Swamp.

Marcus stated when Church was surveyed they found the “Meeting House Path”.

Allan said the 2 oldest churches are Baptist and Congregational but was also a Unitarian Church on E. Washington & Whitman and the area of the laundramat on Main Street was converted to a home.

Roberta asked about other old buildings – ie: fire houses, school houses.

Allan said we have 2 old firehouses – one vacant and Privately owned in North Hanson and the other in South Hanson is used for storage by fire department and 4 old schoolhouses were converted to homes.

A historic house would be the Poor Farm – it is the house next to Sullivan's Funeral Home and the family still lives in it.

Roberta asked for any other changes we know of. There was discussion about the highway department area is looking to move and it could become an addition to the baseball. PCH – There is a 2 story building – was extension building and front ½ possible office space and is owned by Town.

Allan asked Roberta if she would check to see if historic markers are eligible for CPC. Allan told about several Revolutionary Veteran markers he helped set in the cemeteries.

COG left at 6:55pm

Allan stated at the end that Draden's Store which Mr. Gallagher is researching for his next book was moved to Airport Rd and in tack.

Marcus moved to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Patty. Next Meeting 10/12/2016

Respectfully submitted-Patty Norton, Secretary