

**Regular Meeting of the Hogback Preservation Commission**  
**5 p.m. Monday, November 8, 2021**  
**Zoom Call Meeting Online or In Person**

**Minutes**

**Attendees:** Mike Purcell, Ed Metcalfe, Christine Colella, John Nevins, Nancy Anderson, Pieter van Loon

**Call to Order:** 5:00pm

**Review of Agenda**

**Approval of regular meeting minutes:** no meeting in September, July minutes approved unanimously

## Reports

### Chair's Report:

- Vandalism: There has been an issue with vandalism and graffiti in some of the buildings.
  - We should consider signage to keep the place clean. We need to consider visits to the building and report any vandalism.
  - Discussed using a QR code to report an issue and have placed in different areas around Hogback. This will help visitors reporting issues. Nancy Anderson will research.

**HMCA Report:** See Activity Report.

### SVNHM Report:

- Not anything to report at this time. Gift shop, distillery, and brewery had a busy fall. Still busy on weekends.
- SVNHM had a “walk in the woods” on Hogback and various activities.

### Old Business: HPC existence

- HMCA work through the settlement of endowment and then meet with the HPC to discuss what makes sense.
- HMCA is still very busy with the transfer of funds to VT Community Foundation. Bylaws, wordings and expectations need to be reviewed, revised, and adopted accordingly.
- Should continue with status quo and discuss any budgetary concerns with HMCA. This is an interim situation while bylaws and such are reviewed.
- Need to go back and discuss all jobs/things that involve the property: leases, maintenance of trails, maintenance of buildings – share with HMCA to designate responsibility.
  - This will assist us in working with the HMCA in how to move forward.

## **New Business**

- **Annual Budget 2022:** Cannot think of any large projects at this time. Castle has some roof work that may need attention.
  - Expenses for next year should be taken out before going to VT Community Foundation.
    - Castle work
    - First Aid building – needs to be addressed – should be part of the long-term plan.
    - Lease money to HMCA for maintenance of the property
      - Motion to request town to use lease money to take first aid building down. Unanimous decision. Mike Purcell will go to the selectboard.
  - Will visit budget for next meeting. HMCA finalizing agreements with VCF.
- **Vast form:** Annual form to go over with landowners. License for them to use the land. No comments at this time.
  - Motion to go to town to okay the VAST form. Mike Purcell will go to the selectboard. (Selectboard meets: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs of the month)

**Adjournment: 5:56pm**

**Respectfully submitted by:** Christine Colella