

**Notice of Scheduled Regular Meeting of the Hogback Preservation
Commission
5 p.m. Monday, July 11, 2022**

Zoom Call Meeting Online

Minutes

1. Call to Order

In attendance: Mike Purcell, Sarah Grant, Ed Metcalf, Jack Widness.

2. Review of Agenda

3. Acceptance of Board Members and election of Officers

Previous board members were voted in again unanimously, Mike Purcell as chairperson, Ed Metcalf is vice-chair.

4. Approve Rules of Procedures

Rules were approved unanimously by vote. HPC members should stop by the town office to sign these.

5. Approval of regular meeting minutes

Last minutes were from November 8, 2021, these were approved unanimously. Meetings in January, March, and May did not have a quorum, so there were no minutes.

6. Reports

a. Chair's Report

- Castle- Mike did some cleaning up.
- Planning on contacting the national grid about fixing the road.

b. HMCA Report

Below are excerpts and links from the HMCA report:

Jack Widness here—interim president of the HMCA. I am attaching the HMCA's most recent report in the form of what was recently included in the most recent issue of Marlboro Mixer. The only additional things to add to this is that the HMCA continues to monitor and manage terrestrial invasives in the HMC Area. Most recently this has included:

- Wild parsley. We continue to manage this along Route 9. As you know, with the road construction there at present, this is a different—we hope ultimately better—situation than in past years. Our impression is that this situation improving as this has required less work this year and we think that there may be fewer plants where in the past there were many.

- Wild chervil. A new patch of this was discovered this week on Mt Olga adjacent to the metal communication shed. This is not as large as area as the growth over the septic mound of the Gift Shop that we continue to work on annually and feel we are making progress on (as noted in the attached Marlboro Mixer issue).

- HMCA report:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1S-JR4hs0ELfqaWVfDgxXrjapv_zL-f/edit

Excerpt from Marlboro Mixer:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1oWGF99AcHMy_uXH89tuwivNE9brgsmfCIhavIEVbQRQ/edit

c. SVNHM Report

- They've received 4 grants. They're having a summer camp this summer with the Wings program at Twin Valley. They have a grant to build a pavilion on the Adams Cross Road property.

- They're still looking for another site for the Museum.

5. Old Business

a. Organizations Merger

- Discussion about the issues involved with merging the organizations. HMCA would need to take on looking out for the best interest of the town/liability. Their discussion of this is discussed in more detail in the minutes from the HMCA. There is some apprehension at the HMCA about taking on the HPC duties, also there was expressed the desire for clarification about the HPC duties. In the HMCA minutes there is a list of tasks, this could be a starting point. Mike said he would look at the list and give clarification on which tasks are done by the HPC.

- There was some discussion about where we go from here as far as HPC continuing vs. merging with HMCA. The HMCA is ok with the HPC still existing to do oversight. There was discussion about how it might have made sense back in the beginning for the HMCA to have kept the money and kept one organization. There is some concern about the HPC still retaining the responsibility for the town's interest, without the money to carry out tasks such as making buildings safe/removal. Ed suggested that someone/people should write out a proposal on how to move forward, looking at all the issues.

- There was discussion about how reviewing the management plan could be a good starting point for going over the duties of the committees: issues such as the First aid building, bridge, maintenance of trails, could be consolidated in a management plan or some other document. Mike recalled that there had been discussion of a committee to review the management plan, but it hasn't met. Jack suggested that the management plan could be an opportunity to discuss how the committees could join/work together. The HMCA would like to work together to resolve this issue.

- Another suggestion was that as the HMCA has committees, could they consider a committee to address the topics that currently fall under the HPC purview.

- Jack suggested that our next meeting could be set aside to discuss the different tasks and how they overlap, and what could happen going forward.

- There was some discussion of a possible joint meeting in August, but that will need to be scheduled.

Adjournment: 5:40

Respectfully Submitted: Sarah Grant