



City of
GREENFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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Members:

Passiglia, John, chair (2021)
Ruggles, Arthur III (2023)
Cook, Benton (2023)
Blagg, Tim (2023)
Mayo, Doug (2021)
Moorhead, Bob (2022)
Jones, Margo (2023)

Meeting Minutes for: 4/1/2021

By Zoom

Meeting began at: 5:01 p.m., resumed at 5:34

No March minutes — meeting lacked quorum

Members “present”: John Passiglia, Terry Ruggles, Tim Blagg, Margo Jones, Doug Mayo.

Visitors: Tim Fiske; Robert Williford, Lindsay Rowe, City of Greenfield; Alex Haro, Conn. River Conservancy.

Old Business:

- The portion of the Greenfield Recorder building slated for demolition — originally the Third Congregational Church at the corner of Hope and Main Streets, was toured by commission members. Consensus was that the hand-hewn beams and neoclassical façade are valuable, but no obvious method of preservation presents itself. More discussion to follow, after sale is consummated.
- There was a discussion of the Wiley-Russell Dam plans, with Alex Haro assisting with funding information.
- Work on the Commission’s new historical preservation award, named for Peter Miller, is continuing.

New Business

- Tim Fiske of Rise Above Bakery presented plans for his new enterprise, a hair salon at the former Hattapon’s Thai Kitchen at 265 Main St., to be called “Parker on Main.” He is applying for Façade Renovation grant money and needs Commission approval, which was granted. His plans are refined and would complement Main Street.
- John Passiglia reported on his participation in the planning for a Greenfield History room at the new library. Terry Ruggles also had information about the process, which is in its early stages.
- Tim Blagg reported on a request from a local beekeeper, Tom Graney, for help in a project to place an historical plaque honoring Lorenzo Langstroth in front of the Second Congregational Church, where he was pastor while working on his historic design of the modern beehive. The Commission will work on this, with John getting information on a foundry and Lindsay Rowe of the City, checking out state rules and availability of funding. Tim will check with Graney on his search for funds.

Meeting adjourned at: 5:50 p.m.

Tim Blagg, secretary