

Fitchburg Historical Commission Meeting Minutes**3:00 PM, Thursday, January 27, 2022***Jul 29 2022 12:14 pm*

City Hall, Room 101A (West Meeting Room) and hybrid

Members present: Ellen DiGeronimo, Sam Blair, Don Ostrowski, Keith Chenot

1. Minutes of the October 28, 2021, meeting passed over
2. Minutes of the December 16, 2021, meeting approved as amended by unanimous vote
3. Annual election of officers, unanimous vote: Commission Chair – Keith Chenot and Secretary - (co) Meagen Donoghue and Ellen DiGeronimo
4. The original Ordinance and Map of the Monument Park (Local) Historic District have been issued by the City Clerk's office (Liz Keese) and these have been sent to the Massachusetts Historical Commission for their record and MACRIS update. Ellen will draft a letter to HD property owners to re-inform them of the intent of this designation and the role the commission under this ordinance.
5. Fitchburg Historical Commission Rules and Regulations is in process of being drafted by Sam and Keith
6. The proposed Demolition Delay ordinance was noted with a discussion on the delay period of 6 months or 12 months. 12 months delay seems appropriate for Fitchburg. Also, how do other Gateway Cities, like Springfield and Worcester, word and use their DD ordinance? Next step, forward to Building Commissioner for his comment.
7. Don is reviewing updates to the proposed Stone Wall Preservation ordinance. The use of the word patina was discussed. More review to follow.
8. No update on Simonds Saw and Steel, Intervale Rd. sponsoring historic documentation of its architectural/industrial design. To be continued.
9. Historic Districts information brochure/map information guide, signage, web posting are continuing to make progress with the ongoing FSU faculty-led student project.
10. No progress on filling vacancy on the commission.
11. MHC 2022 ongoing free workshops were noted.
12. Next meeting, **February 24, 2022**, 3 PM, West Fitchburg Meeting Room at City Hall and Zoom hybrid format.
13. Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:10 pm.

