



53 RIVER STREET MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

MAY 18, 2021

7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

Present: David Martin, Peter Hocknell, Lou York, Bill Klauer, Bill Alesbury, Don Boyle, Matthew 'Selby' (Staff).

Absent: Stephanie Krantz, Ilana Liebert.

1. Opening

David Martin called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM via a virtual meeting with no committee members in physical attendance and broadcasted via Zoom.us virtual meeting platform.

2. Regular Business

- A. A quorum is present.
- B. Citizens' Concerns – none.
- C. Approval of the minutes from the 20 April 2021 committee meeting: Motion to accept made by Lou York and seconded by Bill Klauer. Voting took place via role call:
Peter Hocknell – Aye
David Martin – Aye
Lou York – Aye
Bill Klauer – Aye
Bill Alesbury – Aye
Don Boyle – *had not joined the meeting at the time the vote was taken.*
- D. Archeological Investigation Update: Five field days were performed in April. Discovered items include shoddy wool, pencils, buttons, and pieces of machinery that were buried after the fire in 1951. Two of these days included backhoe support. Gray & Pape are currently finishing up the final report which will be provided to Selby, who will then forward to the MHC, AHC, and HDC. The report is expected by the end of this week. Bill Klauer estimates that the line shaft discovered at the site possibly dates from the 1880s era. A 3-D rendering was reviewed by the committee. The line shaft is believed to have been located in the mill building ceiling, but is now in the ground and



covered in fill. This would likely need to be excavated prior to dam removal, but we will try and confirm this during the upcoming site walk.

- E. A site walk has been scheduled for June 5 at 11 am. Dennis Dale, and the site Engineer are invited. The archeological report will be in hand along with 60% design plans. The MHC, AHC, and ConCom are all invited as well. This walk will be held rain or shine.
- F. This committee's next meeting will take place virtually on 15 June 2021 at 7 pm.
- G. Motion to adjourn was made at 7:33 by Don Boyle and seconded by Lou York. Voting took place via role call:
Peter Hocknell – Aye
Lou York – Aye
Bill Klauer – Aye
Don Boyle – Aye
Bill Alesbury – Aye
David Martin – Aye

Documents and Exhibits Used During this Meeting:

- Meeting Agenda for May 18, 2021
- Draft minutes from the April 20, 2021 committee meeting
- 3D rendering of the line shaft (<http://doc.acton-ma.gov/dsweb/View/Collection-13201>)