



**HULL HISTORIC DISTRICT
COMMISSION**
253 Atlantic Avenue Hull MA
02045

**Hull Historic District Commission Meeting
03/14/2023**

Attendees: HDC

Bob Pahl, Co-Chair
Julia Parker, Co-Chair
Don Ritz, Member
Bob Pezzini, Member
Phil Maloney, Member / Clerk

HHC

Dennis Riley, Chair
Steve Greenberg, Member
Fulvia Matteucci, Member
Randy Gould, Member

Public:

None

AGENDA

Joint Meeting with Hull Historical Commission regarding coordination between the two boards and CPC, Select Board, Town Manager, Planning Board staff regarding First Town Hall/Village Fire Station and Fort Revere Tower

General Business

Meeting online via Zoom.

The meeting convened at 7:02 PM. A quorum of both Commissions was present.

Due to a lack of communication between the HHC and the HDC regarding Town initiated Historical projects it was thought that a group meeting could help with coordinating a consensus response to the other town boards and commissions. The meeting came about after offline discussions over a period of time between members of both commissions regarding the Fort Revere tower and the Village Town Hall/Fire Station.

The discussion was opened with thoughts that there had to be more emphasis on the process that guides the projects through the town's boards and commissions. It was mentioned that the town had not informed the HDC through proper channels regarding either of the town projects. Members of the HDC had found out the status of these projects in an unofficial way that was thought to circumvent the statute governing the HDC and the HHC for that matter. The discussion moved on to how the town would use CPC and CPA matching funds for the projects. There was a lively discussion about the use of these funds for different aspects of the projects. An example was used: CPC funds were spent for the columns on the town hall that were made of fiberglass. There was no attempt at (Historic preservation) with little or no input from the Commissions. There were discussions on aspects of both projects and how they could properly use Town, CPC and CPA monies.

There was consensus between members of both Commissions that the town process of managing these projects was broken. The lack of information trickling down to the relevant

boards and commissions on the plans and use of funds was unacceptable. It was even possible that this broken process could place the town in some legal liability. By not keeping the HDC within the project approval process we would be unable to fulfill our legal obligations to issue Certificates of Approval(COA). With the HHC, HDC and CPC input, as required by statute, this could help resolve any liability exposure that could exist.

The takeaway from the meeting follows:

The 'Town process' of keeping all Boards and Commissions in the process loop needs to be fixed.

The responsibility of spending CPC funds cannot reside with the Town Manager alone but must be shared with the CPC.

Town initiated projects must go through the process just like any Hull resident.

A letter to the relevant town officials will be written to express our positions. This letter may or may not be released to the public.

A town wide meeting with all interested stakeholders may be setup to discuss how the Town of Hull could improve our historical background. A lofty goal!

Administrative action:

There was a unanimous vote to approve meeting minutes for:
HDC-Minutes 221201

Meeting adjourned 8:35 PM