

Montague Historical Commission  
Executive summary/Minutes of August 26 , 2024 meeting  
Montague Town Hall  
1 Avenue A  
Turners Falls, MA

Meeting held via Zoom 11 AM to 12 noon

**Commissioners present:**

David Brule, Vice-chair  
Chris Clawson  
Ed Gregory  
Janel Nockleby, Chair  
Jen Viencek  
Chris Sawyer-Lauçanno (not present, has resigned)

**Proceedings:**

1. Minutes of June 11, 2024 voted unanimously
2. Updates:
  - a. Filing cabinet in place at the Town Hall.
  - b. Blacksmith Shop. WIP; will try to get an update from Tris Metcalf
  - c. Shea mural: DB summarizes situation; CC inquires as to whether the Commission was consulted: response from DB/JN: not directly consulted; DB suggests JN reach out to Maureen Pollock for updates.
  - d. Comments to FERC on re-licensing: Historic Properties Management Plan has slight revisions now available; Town and Commission have intervenor status.
  - e. Farren property now belongs to the Town; Planning Dept will be in charge; will a Montague City Historic District be considered? CC notes that he doubts that our participation in decision-making will be requested.
  - f. 54 Prospect Street plan to rebuild porch and deck: proponent inquires whether there are any photos available for guidance. EG will look into Historical Society archives to see what's available.
  - g. 42 Canal Street: owner inquires about DOT plan to construct new bridge; owner is unsure how his property will be impacted.
  - h. Former St. Anne's Church: ATT+T will want to modify the steeple. Just FYI notice; modifications should not alter the exterior.
  - i. On-going discussions and planning for a Montague Historic Preservation Plan and eventual grant: HC should submit a letter of interest by November; process will involve a matching grant that the Town meeting would have to vote on this. We will need to coordinate with Town Planner and FRCOG
  - j. Archaeological field work done in Cabot Woods. Report available on request.

Adjourned at 12 noon.

Submitted by D. Brule, Vice-chair.