

## Montague Historical Commission

Minutes/Summary of meeting of November 25, 2024

Montague Town Hall  
1 Avenue A  
Turners Falls, MA

Meeting held online 11:00 AM-11:47 AM

### **Commissioners present:**

David Brule, Vice-chair  
Chris Clawson  
Ed Gregory  
Janel Nockleby, Chair  
Jen Viencek

### **Proceedings:**

1. No meeting on October 28. Minutes from September 30 voted unanimously.
2. Minutes archiving project will proceed; DB and JV will coordinate.
3. Community Preservation Act: Megan Rhodes of FRCOG will help coordinate, JN indicates need to inform and educate residents on this topic.
4. Montague Historic Preservation Plan: JN informs commission that the Town staff is at capacity, it's difficult to pursue application for the grant; the deadline is missed for this year. We should have an update from Jennifer Doherty by next meeting.
5. Blacksmith shop: Board of Selectmen voted to fund the study. Tris Metcalfe is developing the plan. JN will check up on the likely timeline.
6. Remembering Chris Sawyer-Laucanno: there will be a celebration of his life at the Discovery Center on January 4. Chris resigned from the MHC on August 12, 2024. He passed away in November, 2024.
7. On-going projects:
  - a. Historic Preservation Management Plan. Nothing new; likely some action in July or August. DB will check with Joe Graveline concerning the tribal coalition's efforts re HPMP, talks with First Light. Unanimous vote to authorize JN to review HPMP and respond/ update if necessary.
  - b. Size of the MHC: there may be up to 7 commissioners; a quorum is 4; does the website need changing? CC says there is no need; currently not sure of term lengths and officers rotation. JV will contact Wendy for current status.
  - c. St. Anne's steeple: EG says the N, S, W faces are affected, but all looks fine.
8. Next meeting on Dec 30? Commissioners opt for meeting instead on January 27, 2025.

