

Montague Historical Commission
Minutes/Summary for June 29, 2026 meeting
Montague Town Hall
Meeting held online

Commissioners present:

David Brule, Vice-chair

Chris Clawson

Ed Gregory

Janel Nockleby, Chair

Jen Viencek

Also: Caitlin Kelly, Will Quayle, Linda Tardiff, Craig French, Tracy Adamski,
Todd Kirtin

Proceedings summary:

1. JN will provide meeting minutes for last meeting
2. TA+TK of Tighe and Bond
 - a. Refer to T+B summary of Canal District 1877-1900.
 - b. Building material of demolition could be used as landfill support for #9
 - c. Preservation possibilities: foundations and footprints of buildings, historic facade of #9, fieldstone foundations along riverside
 - d. JN: set aside amount of bricks ? T+B suggests sending a letter to MHC.
 - e. WQ: reuse an amount of bricks to link with the new library? T+B: most will be crushed; it is up to the contractor who will “own” the site.
3. Montague City Village design: sent to the Planning Board; Montague HC tables discussion.
4. Wayfinding Project: MHC will await plans; states “ when possible the project should make use of existing wall, etc.” Concern expressed for paint on historic facades.
5. Shea Theatre: grant awarded for upgrades to façade, lobby, elevator. Upgrades limited to a new hand-painted version of the sign, addition of lights, addition of a cornice, repaint exterior specific places. MHC will schedule a future meeting with Shea representatives to clarify questions.
6. July 23: meeting scheduled for debriefing on future of Montague Center Blacksmith Shop
7. Caitlin Kelly will be presenting next meeting.
8. Adjourned at 12:02.

Submitted by D. Brule, Vice-chair.

