

Montague Historical Commission

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AGENDA

1. Convene at 11 AM via zoom
2. Amend/approve minutes of July 30, 2020
3. Nominate Jeff Singleton as secretary
4. Jeff presents 10 minute overview of "Open meeting law and why it exists a. Q+A re open meeting law. b. Chris Clawson's proposal concerning OML
5. Two motions made by MHC and the Board of Selectmen guiding our assistance to the Board in researching background information regarding the name of the village:
 - a. Motion made on July 30, 2020 by the JS/ MHC: The Montague Historical Commission recommends that the broader public discussion (of the village name Turners Falls) be delayed until at least next spring (2021) due to the COVID pandemic and that the Historical Commission begin collecting information on the (1676) battle/massacre itself and the naming of Turners Falls" Voted unanimously by MHC.
 - b. Motion made by BoS (Mike Nelson) on August 10,2020: "I make a motion that we delegate the commission to research the battle at Turners Falls and to uncover the historical meaning to the Turners Falls name and any other historical data they can regarding the name of Turners Falls and prepare a statement of information for the board no later than June 30,2021; that they research Great Falls in the Indigenous languages." Voted unanimously.
6. Continue in-house discussions concerning calibration of our understanding of the above task delegated to us; establish next steps and responsibilities. "The Historical Commission may make recommendations as it deems necessary to the city council or the selectmen...." MGL chapter 40 Section 8d
7. Continuation of discussion of JS draft re MHC need-to-know re. new projects affecting historic, cultural, or archaeological resources.
8. Updates on old business
 - a. Millers Falls Rd Solar farm
 - b. Smokestack demolition
 - c. First Light footbridge
 - d. Other:
9. Topics not anticipated at time of posting.

Submitted by D. Brule, Chairman Montague Historical Commission