

## South Hadley MA Historical Commission

\*Minutes of the meeting of February 16, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

\*South Hadley Public Library – Trustees Meeting Room

**Commissioners Present:** Robert Judge (Chair), Melissa Taylor (Vice-Chair Clerk), Leo Lebonte (Clerk), Anne-Marie Mahnken, Commissioner

**Commissioners Absent:** None

### Call to Order

Chair Robert Judge called the meeting to order at 6:02PM.

### Public Comments

Nate Therien of the Master Plan Implementation Committee (MPIC) said that the MPIC may change the format that it will ask committees to use for their reporting to MPIC.

Aaron Hasaert said that he may apply for a position on the Commission.

### **Commissioner Comments:**

Leo provided information about events that may occur for the celebration of the Revolution's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Leo said that Jon Camp has given information to the VA and that Melissa has a list of names of the South Hadley veterans.

Bob reported that the town received only one proposal to perform the work that will be done using the survey and planning grant. The proposal was from the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC). Bob asked for a motion for a vote to endorse the PVP proposal. The motion passed unanimously. Bob said that he would inform the Town Administrator of the vote the next day.

The commissioners discussed the January communications with Josh Powers, Director of Government and Community Relations, Mount Holyoke College and with Brona Simon, State Archaeologist, State Historic Preservation Officer, MA Historical Commission.

The Commissioners discussed the idea of a second South Hadley historical district. The consensus was to table the idea subject to the work of the survey and planning grant consultant.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes of its January meeting.

### Adjourn:

Following a unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM.