

HPC MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 9,2021 MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 6pm.

Attendees were Casey Gardner, Joyce Engstrom, Katy Beckman, Todd Avery, Joe Ellingson & Cathy Kouchich. 6 guests were in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

We welcomed new member Katy Beckman

Minutes from the October 12,2021 minutes were read. Casey noted that an amendment be added stating discussion was had regarding the status of the www.frontenactour.com website with the Flies family. Also discussed was contacting the Flies family to see if copies of the Frontenac Tour Guide could be made for distribution. The amendment was added and the minutes approved & seconded.

No design applications were submitted. However Tom Johnson introduced the commission to the prospective buyers of St. Hubert's lodge. They had questions regarding rehabbing the garage as roof and floor damage is evident. They also have future plans to build an outbuilding for storage, adding a fence around part of the property and improving the existing driveway surface. HPC thought the plans looked acceptable, but a formal design application will need to be submitted when they are ready to begin their projects.

OLD BUSINESS:

The broadband letter was sent to each of the state and local representatives. Additionally a list of all of the representatives email addresses was sent to each commission for them to distribute to their members so that contact could be made for better outreach. Brent Urbach forwarded a link on the Goodhue County Broadband Infrastructure Partnership Program. \$1.6 million is being provided to the county through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Applications for this program are available on the website and are reviewed & approved on a first come first serve basis. Review of applications will start Jan 3,2022. A motion was made & approved to ask the TB to complete the application. Jan Bruce also shared that the Lake City HPC was seeking increased coverage of broadband service to the surrounding areas.

The monthly CLG grant update was given. Everything is on schedule with draft inventory forms for 67 properties. Also disclosed was the need for a 2nd CLG grant which would involve hiring a consultant to actually prepare a National Register of Historic Places form for the entire historic district, based on the results from the current research and survey. No time frame is given for application for this grant at this date.

NEW BUSINESS:

Katy Beckman gave a brief overview of setting up a google docs program primarily to allow open editing for creating the CLG annual report. We will continue to pursue this process.

The short term rental (STR) issue was discussed. The planning commission has reached out to HPC for input on STR's in the historic district. A letter was composed & edited to be sent to the planning commission as well as the TB. A motion was made & seconded to submit this letter.

Casey Gardner displayed some logos for the HPC that could be used on formal documents that come from the commission.

Casey has also been working on cleaning up the HPC webpage on the FT website.

Katy Beckman has volunteered to replace Cathy Kouchich as chair of the HPC as Cathy's term has expired.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30.