

### **UHDC Minutes of Aug. 8, 2023**

The UHDC met for the first time since the May 8<sup>th</sup> public hearing about the HD expansion article on the SATM warrant scheduled for May 9<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M.

Present were: Jane Keegan, Chair; Faye McCloskey, Karen Beane and Michael Zuchowski (Voter). Absent were: Peter Pendergast, VC, and Kevin Donaldson (Alternate).

Recording Secretary Travis Do Rosario, who declined to apply for reappointment to the Commission, was thanked for her long service in this capacity. Michael Zuchowski was welcomed as the newest voting member, and it was noted two (2) Alternate seats are now open. As of June 26, 2023 per BOS appointments, the UHDC membership includes: Jane Keegan (2026); Faye McCloskey (2024); Karen Beane (2026); Peter Pendergast (2026); and Kevin Donaldson (2025A).

Introductory comments were made by the Chair as to why Article 16, HD Expansion, was withdrawn from SATM warrant. Following were discussed & votes taken:

1. Minutes of past meeting were unavailable for approval & votes postponed to September.
2. The application for exterior painting of Savers Bank was confirmed as Non-applicable. K. Beane, Maker/ M. Zuchowski, Seconder. Unanimous.
3. The UHDC memo to Town Counsel re: objections to Chapter 218 of General Bylaws and the official legal response were read for the record.
4. Discussion on presenting an expansion article on May 2024 TM warrant was postponed in favor of a review of Section 2 (definitions) in Chapter 218. Member suggestions for changes/clarifications in verbiage to be made in September.
5. To capitalize on April's successful "Walk in the Park", it was suggested that a town-wide invitation be issued for participation in a Christmas Open House to be held in conjunction with 1<sup>st</sup> Night events on Saturday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Further discussion due in September.
6. A motion made by M. Zuchowski, seconded by K. Beane garnered Unanimous support that 'outreach' be made to the local Historical Commission and Historical Society and Mass. Historical Commission (MHC) to inquire about grant funding for another survey to 'document' newer

properties, i.e. 20<sup>th</sup> c. vintage , of architectural value. The last town-wide survey was completed in the early 1980s. Report due in September.

7. By Unanimous consent, the following were nominated & elected to serve until June 30, 2024 or other date when the UHDC schedules a meeting with reorganization on the agenda: M. Zuchowski, Chairman; K. Beane, Vice Chair; Jane Keegan, Recording Secretary/Clerk.

The next scheduled meeting is Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 P.M. The meeting was adjourned, by Unanimous consent on motion by M. Zuchowski, seconded by K. Beane, at 8:16 P.M.

Submitted,

Jane F. Keegan, UHDC Chairman/Secretary Pro-temp

August 18, 2023

