Town of Uxbridge Historic Commission 21 South Main Street Uxbridge, MA 01569

Subject: Minutes of 15 April 2021 Commission Meeting

Members in attendance: Peter Emerick, David Moriarty, Jeffrey Brochu, and Michael Potaski

Members absent: Mary Beauchamp, Roy Henry, and Faye McCloskey

- 1. Vice-Chair Peter Emerick called the meeting to order at 3:45PM in the Unitarian Church. James Beauchamp was present representing the Historical Society. Mr. Barry McCloskey attended on behalf of his wife.
- 2. The Minutes of the 18 March 2021 Commission Meeting were taken up. David Moriarty moved that they be accepted as written and Jeffrey Brochu seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- 3. James Beauchamp reported on the ongoing structural exploration and historical survey of the Farnum House by the firm of Spencer, Sullivan, and Vogt (SSV) which began on 4 March. Members of the sub-committed appointed on 14 January, who were present at various times during the SSV work provided their perspectives.
 - a. In light of a preliminary assessment that reveals that the Farnum House structural deficits are far more serious that previously known, Peter Emerick moved that all meetings in the House of the Commission, Historical Society, and public events and open houses be curtailed. David Moriarty seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- 4. Michael Potaski moved that presentation of Citations from the Massachusetts Senate and House of Representatives to Francis Cove were to be scheduled on Memorial Day weekend on the lawn of the Farnum House. David Moriarty seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- 5. Jeffrey Brochu updated the Commission on his project to erect commemorative signage in Uxbridge and Mendon along the route followed by President George Washington in 1789. Mr. Brochu will coordinate with the Highway Departments in Uxbridge and Mendon on the project. He will also look to install or update "scenic road signs" in Uxbridge where appropriate. Mr. Potaski moved that the Commission endorse and support this effort, Mr. Moriarty seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- 6. David Moriarty graciously provided a tour of the Unitarian Church.
- 7. There being no further business, Mr. Potaski moved that the Meeting be adjourned and Mr. Moriarty seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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