

## Minutes of the April 6, 2020 meeting of the Plainfield Historical Commission (PHC)

The meeting was held remotely via Zoom because of the current stay-at-home advisory due to the Coronavirus 19.

Present via Zoom: Members Dario Colletta, Matt Stowell, Judy Williams, Dudley Williams, Lori Austin and PHS curator, Pleun Bouricius.

- I. Minutes from the March 3, 2020 meeting were shared via email and accepted as sent.
- II. Voted in Dario Colleta as our new chair.
- III. Discussed the status of the inquiry into the Town accepting ownership of the property off of Hill Street and River Road. The selectboard is waiting to hear from the town's treasurer, Alan Kidston on this. There were questions on insurance on this property and who might be liable. Will stay in contact with selectboard for further updates. Map included below.
- IV. Discussed making a draft of new Demolition By-laws based on the State's recommendations. [Here is a copy of it.](#) Matt and Judy will work on a draft that better fits the needs of the Plainfield Historic Commission. They will consult with Chris Skelly, Director of Local government Programs for the MA Historical Commission. Will also consult with Plainfield Building Commissioner, Gerald Garner. Email: [buildingcommissioner@town.plainfield.ma.us](mailto:buildingcommissioner@town.plainfield.ma.us)
- V. Discussed how to reach out to the current owner of the property on Broom Street. This is the oldest house in Plainfield, that is still standing and the Plainfield Historic Commission has an interest in trying to preserve this house. Dario will follow up with a meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Lori Austin

