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**Hannah Duston Advisory Committee**  
**January 7, 2021, 1:30pm**  
**Virtual Subcommittee**  
**Microsoft Teams online meeting**

**Committee Attendees (by roll call):** Andrew Cushing (chair); Dr. Barbara Cutter; Dr. Christine DeLucia; Craig Richardson; David A. Dustin; Denise K. Pouliot; Dr. Megan Howey; Elaine Clow; Erica Gish (clerk); Paul W. Pouliot; Jack Shields; Mike Nawoj

**Members of the Public:** none

**I. Call to Order**

- a. Welcome: Andrew Cushing called the meeting to order 1:35 PM and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Andrew read the Right to Know and public notice information required for conducting virtual meetings.
- b. The Committee reviewed October's meeting minutes. Barbara Cutter noted that III.i. "island" should be changed to "historic site." Jack Shields made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, Elaine Clow seconded the motion, the minutes were unanimously accepted by roll call.

**II. Updates**

- a. Jack Shields updated the Committee on the latest news on the expansion of the rail trail.
  - i. The Friends of the Rail Trail – Merrimack County will hope to gift the rail trail portion to the State, pending review from the Attorney General, and Governor and Council approval.
  - ii. The rail trail expansion is undergoing Department of Transportation approval process and environmental reviews.
  - iii. Jack asked if the State could survey its properties near and on the island. Andrew said he would inquire.

**III. Setting Priorities**

- a. Andrew shared the list produced from the last meeting's proposed ideas for the site and priorities. The priorities were broken into three categories, immediate, medium, and long-term. The categories were defined by the timeframe they were to be accomplished. Items in the immediate category had the timeframe of one to two years, the medium category had the timeframe two to five years, and the long-term priorities were for goals that were to take greater than five years to accomplish. Committee members made suggestions on the proposed priorities, keeping in mind budgetary constraints.
- b. Content goals were also discussed for the nearby highway marker as well panels for the historic site. It was suggested to begin thinking of the content for each panel for the next meeting.
- c. Andrew will create a rough draft of the proposed plan for the Committee to review by the next meeting.

**IV. Next Meeting**

- a. Andrew suggested holding the next meeting early March.

**V. Public Comments – none.**

**VI. Adjournment**

- a. Mike Nawoj made a motion to adjourn, Christine DeLucia seconded the motion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:02 PM.