

Hillsborough Historic District Commission
August 6, 2026
Center Club House
27 E. Washington Road

Time: 6:00 pm - 6:33 pm

Chairperson: Jay Emmert

Vice-Chairperson: Brad Hunt

Secretary/ Selectmen's Ex-Officio: Iris Campbell

Planning Board Ex-Officio: Andrew Morris

Member: Thomas DiGiovanni

Alternates: Laurie Jutzi, Pat Bradley

Planning Director: Robyn Payson

Excused: Iris Campbell, Brad Hunt,
Andrew Morris

Public Present: Stephen Bennett, Lauren Chapen, and Creighton Demarest

Call to Order: Chairman Emmert called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Meeting Minutes: Pat Bradley made a motion to approve the minutes of Sept 4, 2025. Laurie Jutzi seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously

Meeting Time

There was discussion about whether to change the meeting time to 6:30. Following discussion, it was decided that they would keep the meeting time at 6:00 pm

Sign Regulations

Robyn Payson submitted the sign regulations to the Board. She asked that they review them so there can be discussion at the September 3rd meeting.

Lauri Jutzi

Lauri Jutzi said the first thing was an announcement about the History Alive event scheduled for next spring. She said she already has the Elementary School on board, and they are very enthusiastic about it. She is waiting for Middle School to get back to her. Most of the work has been done from the last event. She will be asking who in the Center would be interested in participating. She said it was going to center around the cemetery which has been restored by Tom McClure and Tom Butler. They straightened every tomb stone, and it looks wonderful. There has been a proposal brought forward to the Selectmen to address the broken stones. Laurie said she would like to focus on the cemetery and hopefully having some people willing to do reenactments of the people who are there. She said they had over 200 kids come through the center and learn about their heritage. She said if anyone was interested in participating to let her know.

The second thing is that Laurie and Jay were talking about having a "Welcome Party" for the new residents in the District. She asked for people to be interested in helping out with the pot luck event to reach out to her. The intention is to hold it the last weekend in September or the first weekend in October.

The third thing she wanted to discuss is repairs. She said before the children come the ramp to the Club House is rotted and a hazard. She said there is some money from the 250th and they

were considering repairs to the Center for it. The repairs are going to be expensive and there is a whole huge process. The way you get money is through grants and the way you get grants is having the structure on the Historic Register. The way you get buildings on the Historic Register is by going through this huge process with detailed research. Lauri went on to describe the process. The cemetery is already on the Historic Register but the School House, the Center Club are not. She said it would have to be brought up to the Town first. The 250th has been willing to underwrite an assessment and that necessitates a lot of volunteer hours and to prepare for the \$100.00/hour Assessment Writer, who tells you how much it will cost to repair things. She went back to talking about the ramp to the Club House and how unsafe it was.

Robyn Payson said she should definitely talk to Laura about that.

There was discussion about ADA access to the Clubhouse.

Lauri said ideally there would be a kitchen and a bathroom in the Club House to make it more usable.

Adjournment: Jay Emmert made the motion to adjourn. Laurie Jutzi seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:33 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Robyn Payson, Planning Director