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**Hannah Duston Advisory Committee**  
**April 23, 2021, 2:00pm**  
**Virtual Subcommittee**  
**Microsoft Teams online meeting**

**Committee Attendees (by roll call):** Alan Hardy, 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; Mike Nawoj

**Members of the Public:** Gary LeBlanc; Dedonne Bhattarai; John Morgan; Don Davis

**I. Call to Order**

- a. Welcome: Andrew Cushing called the meeting to order 2:05 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 January's meeting minutes. Mike Nawoj made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Craig Richardson seconded the motion, the minutes were unanimously accepted by roll call.

**II. Updates**

- a. Andrew updated the Committee on the status of the Hannah Duston statue cleaning and fence for the site.
  - i. The Bureau of Historic Sites is currently collecting cleaning estimates for the statue and is looking at scheduling the cleaning for May or June, 2021. Granite work has been in high demand, making scheduling the cleaning difficult.
  - ii. Andrew is currently looking at a six foot, chain-link fence to be constructed at the site. The fence is to be erected for visitor safety.
- b. Alan Hardy informed the Committee on that the Town of Boscawen is working on securing an EPA grant for cleaning up a nearby site.

**III. Hannah Duston in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Recommendations for improved interpretation and recreation at the Hannah Duston State Historic Site**

- a. Andrew presented his draft of the Committee's recommendations for improved interpretation and recreation of the Hannah Duston Historic Site. The draft consisted of a brief overview of Hannah Duston and the site, the current conditions of the site, recommendations for the statue, trail and interpretation, and a list of priorities for when items are roughly expected to be addressed. The accuracy of certain terms and name spellings were discussed by the Committee.
- b. Subcommittees for planning and the physical site, interpretation and history, and the use of technology were suggested. The subcommittee for planning and the physical site will be tasked with plant pruning, visitor safety, and the statue. The subcommittee for interpretation will be tasked with creating a storyboard for topics to be covered in the interpretive panels. The subcommittee for technology will be tasked with creating and utilizing digital content.

**IV. Public Comments**

- a. A question was posed about expanding the interpretative space include digital mediums, such as through QR codes or virtual reality. The Committee responded that digital mediums for relaying additional information is being considered.
- b. Gary LeBlanc of Scenic Railriders stated that his group would be willing to help keep the site clean as they expect more members to use the trail to the Hannah Duston site.
- c. John Morgan asked for clarification on what the Town of Boscawen was planning on cleaning up. Alan clarified that is was the concrete and granite to be removed from a nearby site, not the pillars.

**V. Adjournment**

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 3:02 PM.