



# TOWN OF YARMOUTH

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## HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

**Meeting Date:** Thursday, July 8, 2021

**Meeting Time:** 10:00 am

**Meeting Place:** Conference Room A

**Members Present:** Chair Julie Mockabee, Vice Chair George Slama, Commissioners Jack Duggan, Robert Kelley, and Melanie Barron.

**Members Absent:** Commissioner Kathe Hyslop, Associate Sam Lawrence, and Associate Robert Hyslop.

**Staff:** Grayce Rogers YHC Office Administrator

**With a Quorum present, Chair Julie Mockabee called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.**

### OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS

#### 1. Town Seal Review

Commissioner Kelley reviewed the presentation and discussion that took place at the June 29<sup>th</sup> Selectman's meeting. It was noted that the Selectman's meeting can be reviewed on Town's website on the Channel 18 web page. The Selectman made a 4-0-1 vote for the Historical Commission/ Town Seal Sub-Committee to move forward with a recommendation of next steps. The Historical Commission were in consensus that they currently had a neutral position about the Town Seal and their position was to present the most historically and culturally accurate research in regards to the current Town Seal's historical and cultural representation. The Commission was also in consensus that next steps should be taken, but a considerate discussion about what those steps are should take place.

The Commission discussed various ideas, in regards to what those next steps should be in the Town Seal review process. It was agreed upon that more stakeholders need to be brought into the discussion such as the Wampanoag Tribe, Town Administrator, Finance, Town Clerk, and more. The creation of an Ad-Hoc committee was suggested. There was consideration taken into account about the cost of changing the Town Seal. As well as a potential by-law Amendment.

The idea of crowdsourcing ideas through a brainstorming session was recommended. The lists would be sent to Vice Chair Slama to be distributed to the Commission ahead of the next meeting.

There was a motion made by Commissioner Kelley that in preparation for the next regular meeting the Commission compiles a list of ideas for the next steps to take regarding the Town Seal.

Chair Mockabee seconded the motion.

The motion was voted upon unanimously. 5-0-0. PASSED.