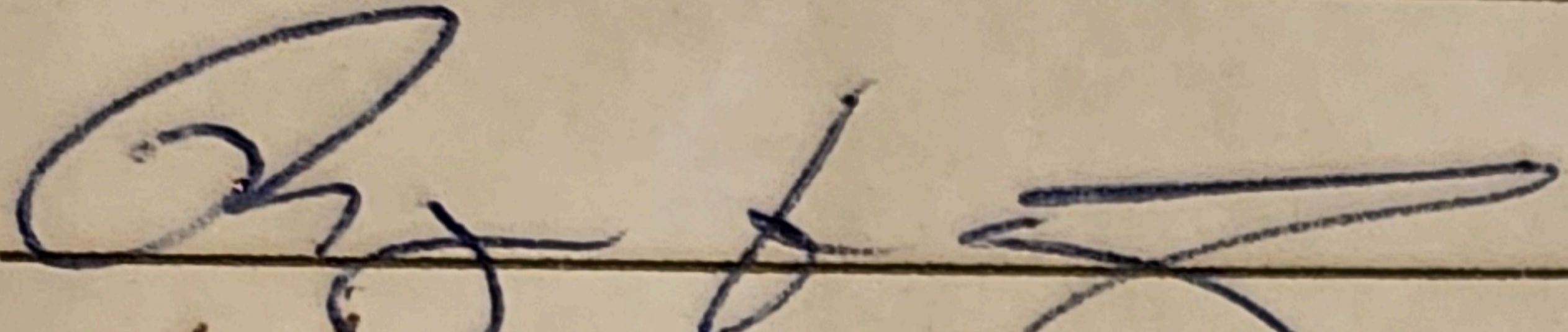


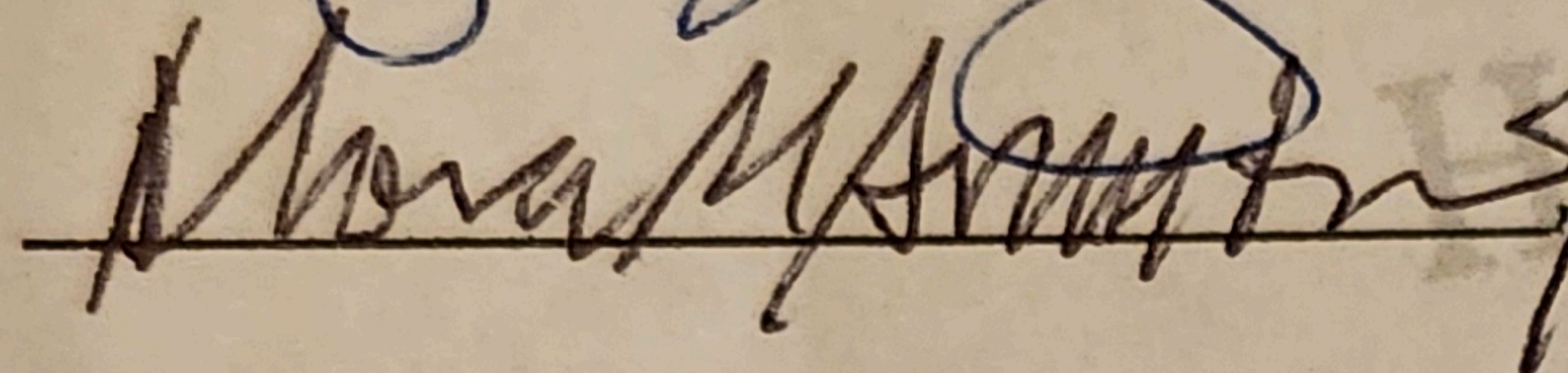
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Historic Preservation Commission**

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Member: , Roy Young

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Member: , Nora Armstrong

Date: 14 Jan 2026

Member: _____, Jennifer Privette

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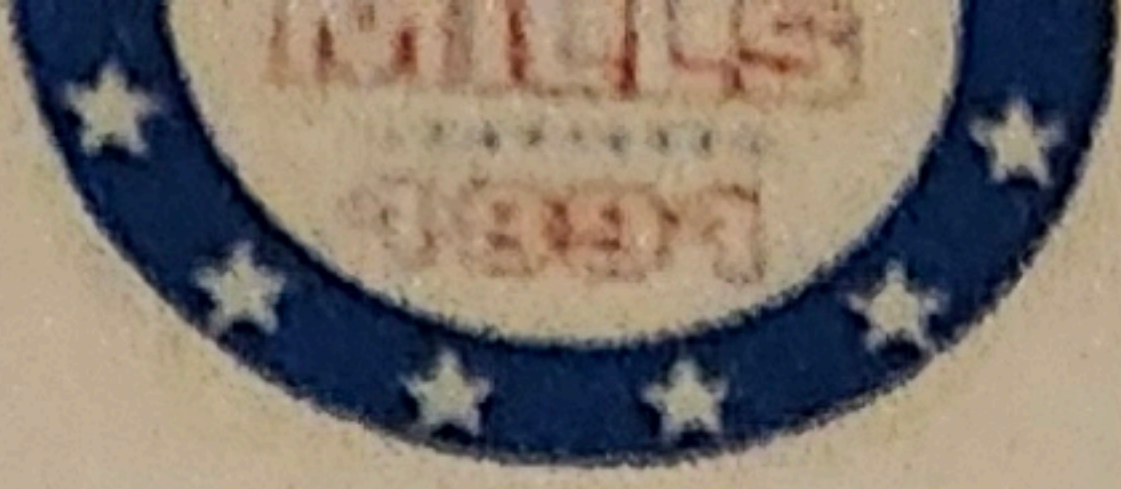
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Meeting Minutes November 12, 2025

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:09pm
Present Jennifer Privette, Nora Armstrog, Sharon Reeves, Karen Saracen, Hope Page, Teresa Davis;
Town Liaison Commissioner Bryan Marley; Guest Commissioner Scarola
- II. **Approval of Agenda:** Addition: Artist Village will be decorating the Chapel. Nora Armstrong moved to accept the agenda with the addition, seconded by Karen Saracen. No questions. No opposition. Motion carried.
- III. **Approval of October Minutes:** Hope Page did not have September minutes will provide them by December 1st. Nora Armstrong moved to accept the October minutes seconded by Teresa Davis. No questions. No opposition. Motion carried.
- IV. **Old Business:**
 - A. Historic district Inventory: this is top priority and in urgent need to be completed. Teresa and Sharon stated that ½ of the update has been done, due to working on the grant for Heritage Park Phase II, part of Trade street is done, Ellison and the Railroad need to be done and photos updated.
- V. **New Business:**
 - A. **Chapel Decoration:** The chapel will be decorated by Artist Village, the HPC does not have to decorate this year.
 - B. **Chapel Fence/Garland:** The new bows arrived and we have banners as well. Everyone agreed that the work can be done and have the Chapel ready for the open house on December 5th. The decoration on the fence will take place on Sunday November 30th at 2pm. Question came out regarding the new bows and reimbursement the recommendation is to give the receipt to Chancer for any reimbursement.
 - C. **Plaques for Historic Buildings/Marker for Reeves Hospital:** The Commission agreed that Reeves met the criteria for a historic marker or plaque signifying the area where the clinic once stood. The commission decided that it would be best to wait until the beginning of the year to decide on the plaques/markers needed, to include pricing as well. The brochure design is ready the committee discussed sending them to staples for printing good copies, Sharon will look into this for the commission. Additional discussion: Ole mill day was successful, even though it was cold it was a good day.
 - D. **Landmark designation for Chapel update:** The board approved the request for additional funds. Discussion regarding the doors and Sanborn maps. Mr. Marley has printed Sanborn maps that are blown up and can be mounted for the mobile museum. The doors are warped on the interior there are 5 layers of construction, that will not be a quick fix to maintain the historic integrity of the chapel, budget and discussion for next year on repair of the doors. Suggestion to reach out to churches and other towns to see if they have doors.



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Clean Chapel: Open house is December 5th, the commission agreed to clean and decorate the Chapel on November 30th at 2pm. Hope and Karen will clean inside, and all others will decorate with garland and bows outside. Additional Discussion: Open house, there will be no refreshments served, the inside will be wiped down, vacuumed due to Teresa and Roy removing the carpet. Additional discussion: December 6 at 5pm Christmas parade – Mr. Marley will drive and provide the trailer; the theme will be a Christmas Story. Karen will provide the inflatable leg; background will be an old-time fireplace look. Mr. Marley will provide the generator for the lights, Joanne Scarola will provide assistance, and an additional battery pack Sharon will provide the skirt for the trailer, and old radio can come from Artist Village prop used in a War of the Worlds.

Charter Day: March 14, 2026 at 1pm taking place at Heritage Park celebrating 150th Charter Day also it being the 250th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, rain date not set, however, the Commission will also need to reach out to Lamarco Morrison to see if the community room in the recreation center can be used if it rains. Jennifer will hold an interest meeting and receive names for those who would like to be interviewed, and those interviews will be a part of the oral presentation. Jennifer will also make copies of any pictures provided, as they will be a part of the presentation. Questions will be asked of all the participants, such as what was it like growing up in the mill village. Additional discussion on the Eddie Dees book, Nora said there could be an archive copy at the state level in the library, so, it may be possible to get a clean copy to scan, she will reach out. Discussion from September meeting; Sharon said that the commission can ask Chancer to see if his fraternity can grill the hot dogs, and the commission provide chips and water. Also, Megan Muniz will need to be contacted to ask state officials to be invited, and. Other items needed will be stage, props. Sharon also stated she has the original charter, and she still has the mini charters giving out the last time as well as 200 Hope Mills buttons. Advertising will be on Marquee and social media sites, and Joanne Scarola will make the flyer.

New Members: Due to Hope Page, being elected she will be leaving. New members will be entertained, Joanne Scarola expressed interest in joining the HPC and will be submitting an application.

Next meeting is December 10, 2025; however, due to the open house being December 5, 2025; Nora Armstrong moved that the open house be held in lieu of the December 10th meeting, seconded by Karen Saracen. No questions. No opposition. Motion carried.

Meeting adjournment: Nora Armstrong moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Karen Saracen. No opposition. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm.