

Sudbury Historical Commission Meeting

Tuesday, April 3, 2018

Those Present: Barbara Bahlkow, Fred Bautze, Chris Hagger, Bill Johnson, Diana Warren, Jan Costa, Lyn MacLean. Guests: Mr./Mrs. Curley, Atty. Robert Dionisi, Diana Cebra, Liz Radoski, Jim Kelly

The March 27th SHC meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Lyn announced that she was stepping down from her Chair position effective immediately but will remain as a Commissioner. Lyn expressed an interest in helping with Hosmer House Open Houses and giving tours. Members of the SHC expressed appreciation for Lyn in her role as Chair. Chris as Vice Chair presided over the meeting.

Barbara has put together Procedures for Hosmer House Events and Rentals. There was discussion on minor final edits needed and the Commission approved the procedures. These will be used for the upcoming rental of Hosmer House by the Sudbury School Department.

A motion was made and seconded and passed on a 5 to 2 vote to reconsider the vote (4 to 1) taken by the SHC at its February public meeting on a application for demolition of 21 July Road. The vote taken in February concluded that 21 July Road was found to have historical or architectural significance. Considerable discussion took place regarding 21 July Road and included all SHC commissioners in attendance and comments were heard from all the guests in attendance. A new vote was taken on the demolition application for 21 July Road and by a 5 to 2 vote, it was concluded that 21 July Road was found to not have historical significance. The SHC Commissioners who voted in the majority stated that 21 July Road was not attractive, is deteriorated, is an eyesore for neighbors, has a sagging roof and has been modified too much including several times in the early 1940's and its appearance is not similar to those cottages that still remain in the Pine Lakes neighborhood. The SHC Commissioners who voted in the minority stated that the Demolition Delay Bylaw limits the decision making to whether the structure has historical significance and 21 July Road has historical significance due to its similarity of architectural features with the cottage at 524 Hudson Road in the Pine Lakes neighborhood as it was inventoried for the SHC in 1995, the fact that only 6-12 cottages still exist in this part of Sudbury with these architectural features and all have some modifications. The minority also stated that the SHC at its February meeting agreed that decisions on historical significance of these cottages should be consistent for the remaining cottages that have characteristics similar to the 1995 inventory of 524 Hudson Road and which have not been significantly modified as 524 Hudson Road. It was agreed that the Vice Chair filling in for the Chair would write a letter to the Sudbury Building Inspector with the results of the new vote.

The SHC was informed by the Vice Chair that the Town Director of Planning and Community Development had offered to prepare 2 Form B Building Inventories for submittal to the Massachusetts Historical Commission. The SHC agreed that one of these inventories should be for the cottage at 92 Butler Road, Sudbury. It was also agreed that Chris and Lyn would identify an additional cottage in the

Pine Lakes neighborhood to recommend to the Town Director of Planning and Community Development for the second building inventory.

Agenda items related to the SHC database support and the Hosmer House Open Houses were passed on and will be taken up at the next SHC public meeting. It was agreed that the SHC would meet on April 17th and April 30th.