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SUDBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

Those present: Chris Hagger, Margi Katz, Taryn Trexler, Diana Warren, Fred Taylor, Jan Costa, Diana Cebra, Fred Bautz Absent: Bill Johnson

Guests: Sudbury Town Manager Melissa Rodriguez, Anu Shah, Joe Tamposi, Jake Tamposi, Erica Hunsberger

Meeting with Sudbury Town Manager (TM)– The discussion focused on ways the Town Manager and the SHC could work together to promote preservation within Sudbury. There was agreement to work together on preservation of Carding Mill. The TM encouraged the SHC to get involved in the Town Master Planning process which the SHC has initiated. The TM encouraged the SHC to work with her Public Information Officer to promote better understanding of the Demo Delay Bylaw process including a possible article on this subject for the TM Newsletter. Jan offered to take the lead on this item and will reach out to the Public Information Officer. The TM confirmed that the SHC Chair would be included in a site tour of the town owned Frost Farm on June 10th at 3pm. The TM indicated that she will attend a future meeting of the SHC when she has completed the review of the SHC bylaws. The SHC asked the TM to provide us with a copy of the Bylaw for the Commission for the Preservation of Historic Structures whose responsibilities were eventually transferred to the SHC.

280 Goodman's Hill Road – It was agreed that the SHC would conduct a site inspection of this property under the Demo Delay Bylaw on June 6th at 1pm. The Chair will so inform the applicant.

Loring Parsonage – The Chair related to the SHC that Bill Barletta confirmed that the Loring Parsonage architectural elements currently being stored in the Carding Mill will be permanently stored in the attic and/or basement off the ground in the Loring Parsonage as per the original construction specs. The Chair asked Diana C./Taryn to so inform the Sudbury Historical Society (SHS) Board. Diana W. informed the SHC that previously requested interior paint samples have not been furnished. Diana C. asked if the SHC would be able to store in the Hosmer House basement temporarily some of SHS material as the SHS moves into the Loring Parsonage. The SHC agreed to this assuming it is put in writing and the material to be stored is at the risk of the SHS and not the SHC. Diana C. will followup with the SHS.

148 North Road – Frost Farm – The Chair summarized the email sent to the BOS and the TM with the SHC position on the Frost Farm demolition. The BOS have indicated an interest to tour Frost Farm on June 10th at 3pm and the SHC Chair will accompany this tour.

390 Lincoln Road – The Chair summarized recent communications with the architect for this renovation and encouraged the architect to become familiar with the requirements of the Demo Delay Bylaw including schedules since the architect indicated that the Sudbury schools was looking to complete renovations by the end of the year. There was discussion about potential application of hardship when it comes to the Demo Delay Bylaw.

484 North Road – Public Hearing under the Demo Delay Bylaw – The Public Hearing was initiated at 7:45pm and covered Section 4 item (5) of the Bylaw. The applicants provided a summary of their demolition plan for the buildings on this property. The applicants described condition issues with the main house. The Chair pointed out that building condition is not part of the Demo Delay Bylaw language. One of the public observers, Anu Shah, stated that any structure can be fixed. The applicants stated that they were unable to find another buyer for the house. The Chair closed the public hearing and thanked the applicants for their presentation and indicated that the next step of the Demo Delay Bylaw (Section 4 item (6)) will be taken up at the next SHC meeting.

554 Boston Post Road – It was agreed that under the Demo Delay Bylaw, the SHC would schedule site inspections of 2 properties (Stone Farm barn with cupola and Stone Farm House) at this address that the SHC had received 2 separate building demolition permits (one received on May 14th and the other received on May 15th with ones signed by the owner received on May 24th and May 22nd). The dates for these site inspections would be either June 17th at 10am or June 20th at 3pm which are within the time frame specified in Section 4 (3) of the Bylaw. Diana W. summarized the recent Sudbury ZBA public meeting where the SHC voiced an opinion of being against granting the owner two variances as originally filed on February 5th, 2019 which would allow the demolition of the Stone Farm Barn with cupola and significant changes to the Stone Farmhouse.

Master Plan Support – The Chair summarized a conversation he had with the Sudbury Planning Director and the Chair of the Sudbury Planning Board (SPB) to introduce the SHC to the Chair of the SPB and to indicate that 2 SHC members have been appointed to represent the SHC in the Master Plan Process. One of the SHC appointed members, Jan Costa, will reach out to the SPB Chair to set up a meeting.

Town Hall Renovation – The majority of the SHC agreed to postpone discussion on the topic of the rear entry proposed design until after the upcoming meeting of the SHDC who will review this particular design element. The Chair pointed out that he had recently toured the completed renovated Framingham (former) Town Hall who had a second floor stage area similar to the Sudbury Town Hall. The Chair stated that other SHC members should tour this building to see a renovated similar Town Hall.

Hosmer House Events – Fred B. reviewed progress of upcoming events at HH including the Hope Sudbury event and the Memorial Day Open House. Fred stated that Bill J. and Margi and 2 docents would be involved in the Hope Sudbury event. Margi expressed concern that she had not been briefed on her role in this event. Fred reviewed the Holiday Open House event and that Hope Sudbury, SVT and Save a Dog had already committed to it. Diana W. stated that she was not sure that the DAR would support the Open House. Diana C. reported that the HH Arbor has

been repaired. The Chair asked her to contact Bill Barletta to have the 2 unused supporting posts removed from the ground. The SHC asked the Chair to contact Bill Barletta to inquire if the Facilities group would cover the cleaning needs of HH.

Financial Report – Jan summarized the financial report. She estimated we may have \$1500-\$2000 remaining in our budget depending on any outstanding bills. She indicated that any additional expenses would need to be incurred by the end of June to be withdrawn from this budget. Fred B. offered to ask Mark Thompson about the cost of a security camera for HH. The April 25th and May 2nd meeting minutes were approved as amended by comments provided by Diana W. on a 7-0 vote.

SHC Positions – The Chair said that he will post an opening on our Commission starting June 1. The Chair also said that the Commission will need to vote on a member for a 6 month term for the Vice Chair position at the next meeting.

Mass Historical Commission April 30th Workshop – There was a brief discussion of the results of the recent SHC member attendance at this Workshop including the fact that a large majority of the eastern MA municipalities have Demo Delay Bylaws.

June SHC Meeting – It was agreed that the next SHC meeting will be on Tuesday, June 11th at 6:30pm and will include a review of the 6-month progress in individual SHC member goals assigned in January 2019.

List of Documents and other exhibits used at meeting: Submittal for 484 North Road for proposed demolition under the Demo Delay Bylaw