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MINUTES

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SILVA ROOM, FLYNN BUILDING, 278 OLD SUDBURY ROAD, SUDBURY, MA

Those present: Chris Hagger, Margi Katz, Taryn Trexler, Diana Warren, Diana Cebra Absent: Jan Costa, Fred Taylor, Fred Bautz Guests: Joe Tamposi, Jake Tamposi, Glenn Davis, Anu Shah, Chuck Mills, Patrick McCarthy, Neal Bingham

484 North Road – Demo Delay Bylaw – Asa Puffer/Josiah Adams House -Under Section 4 (6), the SHC discussed the architectural importance of various aspects of the property including exterior features, age, rarity to find so many original features in a c. 1750 house, visual evidence throughout of the hand hewn post and beam pegged construction in walls, corner posts, ceiling and roof framing, interior paneling and chair rails, original kitchen fireplace mantel, early door hardware including hand forged H hinges, spectacular 2 sided and multi-plank exterior door with early hardware and interior attic framing showing how the addition to the west was added to the original house principal rafter. Discussion included its listing on MACRIS and the generations of Puffers and Adams who lived in this house and its use as a store selling groceries and dry goods. By a 5-0 vote, a motion was passed stating that the SHC has determined that it would be detrimental to the historical and architectural heritage and resources of the Town of Sudbury if this property or any part thereof is demolished and should be preferably preserved. The Chair will so inform the Building Inspector and submit a written report on the demolition plan.

280 Goodman's Hill Road – Demo Delay Bylaw – The SHC discussed the history of this property using information contained in the MACRIS listing inventory. By a 5-0 vote, a motion was passed affirming that this house is historically significant. The Chair will so inform the Building Inspector and applicant of this determination.

420 Lincoln Road – Demo Delay Bylaw – The SHC discussed the timing for a potential site inspection and offered two dates – July 1 and July 2 between 2-4pm. The applicant's representative will get back to the SHC. The SHC also requested that the LS School Committee chair provide the SHC with written authorization of their representative(s) for this application.

148 North Road - Frost Farm – The Chair reviewed the June 10th site inspection of Frost Farm which was attended by the BOS and TM. The Chair also reviewed a list of talking points to be presented at the June 11th BOS meeting on Frost Farm. The SHC was in agreement with these talking points. The Chair also indicated that it appeared unlikely that the BOS would reconsider the demolishing of Frost Farm.

554 Boston Post Road (2 structures) – Demo Delay Bylaw – The Chair reminded members that there was a scheduled site inspection for Wednesday, June 12th at 8:30am.

Review of SHC member goals set in January 2019 – Chris will continue to focus on Carding Mill with help from Diana C. and Jan, Jan will continue as treasurer for 2019 but we will be looking for someone else to take over for 2020, Jan will also develop a Demo Delay Bylaw write up for the SHC website,

represent (with Taryn) the SHC in the Master Planning process. Diana W. is working on revision of Demolition Delay Bylaw to change to 12 months, providing input on historic structures to be inventoried including re-surveys of properties analyzed decades ago, compiling list of barns in Sudbury, and continue as HC Rep on CPC. Taryn will be working with Fred T. on database of structures to inventory. Margi will handle requests for house markers, oversight of Hosmer House with Fred B., and cemeteries.

Upcoming Meeting Dates – The SHC agreed to hold its July meeting on Thursday, July 18th at 6:30pm and its August meeting on Monday, August 26th at 6:30pm

Attendance at Demo Delay Bylaw inspections – Diana W. offered to coordinate scheduling of these.

Development of meeting agendas – The Chair stated that input from SHC members on agenda items is needed at least a week prior to the meeting to ensure timely posting. The Chair encouraged SHC members to provide input on agenda items and not to assume that an item will be on the agenda that they wish to discuss.

Sudbury Historic Building Database – The Chair shared with the SHC members that there will be a meeting with Mark Thompson (Sudbury IT) on Friday, July 11th at 10am to discuss identification of non MACRIS listed, non HD properties that are constructed pre 1940 based on the assessors records. The purpose of this identification is to assist in the development of a list of properties to be inventoried using CPC funding. Taryn is researching the amount of funding available for this purpose from the CPC.

Secretary of Interior Standards – There was a brief discussion on the importance of following the Secretary of Interior Standards for historic building renovations based on the recent presentation on this subject given by the Weston Historical Commission and attended by members of the SHC.

Sudbury Railroad Artifacts – The Chair asked for a volunteer to walk the RR ROW in Sudbury so that an expert in RR artifacts from Weston (Paul Penfield) could point out the RR artifacts that still remain in Sudbury. Taryn offered to do this.

Master Plan Update – Taryn and Jan attended the Master Plan meeting prior to the HC meeting and stated that there are MPC surveys for individual residents as well as groups to participate in.

SHC Markers Program – There was discussion regarding when the SHC gets involved in historic house signage and what is the SHC policy for this. The SHC has received a request and check for a house sign at a non-inventoried property. It was agreed that only inventoried properties would have signage by the SHC as it is the only way we can verify dates/house names.

Financial Report – A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously that the SHC purchase supplies in June for the Hosmer House and also purchase copies for each Commissioner of “A Field Guide to American Houses” by Virginia McAlester.

Hosmer House Sustainability – There was discussion on planning for a future meeting focused on this topic. It was agreed to plan this for a time in the Fall. Ideas would need to be brought forth from the members who had volunteered in January 2019 to focus on HH sustainability.

Hosmer House – The Chair indicated that Bill Barletta’s Facilities group does not get involved in HH cleaning. He did provide a list of contractors who do cleaning for the Town. The Chair will send this list

to Fred B. to check if any are qualified to clean HH and available prior to July 4th. The Chair asked Diana C. to contact Bill Barletta to have the wooden posts removed from the HH garden.

SHC Representative to CPC – A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed that Diana Warren be re-appointed by the SHC on the Community Preservation Committee.

Approval of May 21 and June 6 meeting minutes – A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed approving the SHC May 21 and June 6 meeting minutes.

Approval of Vice Chair for July – December 2019 – A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed approving Diana Warren to be SHC Vice Chair through the end of 2019.

List of Documents and other exhibits used at meeting: None