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MINUTES

JUNE 8, 2020

VIRTUAL MEETING

Present: Vice-Chair Diana Warren, Diana Cebra, Steve Greene, Marjorie Katz, and Fred Bautze.

Members Absent: Chair Chris Hagger, Jan Costa, and Taryn Trexler

Others Present: Adam Duchesneau, Director of Planning and Community Development; and Janie Dretler, Selectman

Ms. Warren called the meeting to order at 7:17 PM.

Technology Purchases

I-Pad

Ms. Warren provided detail regarding the I-Pad and internet purchases. She recommended purchase of the 11" i-Pad at a cost of \$800.00 vs the 12.9" iPad (\$1000) as both had the same memory capacity. After some discussion, the Commission members agreed the 11" i-Pad screen would be the best option.

Hosmer House Internet Installation

Mr. Bautze explained the internet wiring had been installed in the first floor holiday shop at the Hosmer House. He noted the project cost would be \$1,800.00; with a five-year maintenance contract, and not the estimated \$1,300.00 amount approved at the last Commission meeting.

Ms. Warren suggested the final purchase vote by the Commission, not be taken until all members of the Commission were present. She recommended the Commission consider a three-year maintenance contract, in effort to conserve \$200.00 to \$300.00. Mr. Bautze stated that he would confer with IT Director, Mark Thompson.

Eversource

Ms. Warren provided the background history of the Commission's involvement with the Eversource project to date regarding the Commission's review under the National Historic Preservation Act's Section 106 process. She summarized the Eversource related documents and letters, and meetings the Commission has had with Eversource. She commented that the Commission had requested at the second meeting that Eversource provide information (Archeological Intensive Locational Survey and other information), but had not yet received all the information that had been requested. She also commented that the Commission had not provided consultation comment to the Massachusetts Historical Commission yet because the Commission was not ready to do so, but that it was important to inform the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) that the Commission intends to provide comment after it has completed its

106 review. Ms. Warren reiterated that Attorney Pucci had advised that the Commission provide a Section 106 comment to the MHC and that sending a letter to MHC now was important to tell MHC the Commission would provide comment after completing its 106 review.

Ms. Warren provided details regarding two draft letters, one to Eversource to follow up for the requested information and one to the Massachusetts Historical Commission. She stated that Town Counsel George Pucci had reviewed and approved both letters - the Massachusetts Historical Commission draft letter and the letter to Eversource. Attorney Pucci recommended the letters be carbon copied (cc'd) to Town Manager Hayes and Town Counsel. She stated Attorney Pucci advised that the Historical Commission follow-up on both letters within fourteen days after mailing the letters.

Ms. Warren noted at the last Commission meeting, members agreed about the importance of sending the letter to the Massachusetts Historical Commission, affirming the Commission will be providing comment and was reviewing the related information. Ms. Warren stressed the letter to the Massachusetts Historical Commission, should be sent as soon as possible. The Commissioners discussed related protocol.

Ms. Warren reiterated the importance of receiving direction from a structural engineer with strong historic preservation experience, as the Conservation Commission had. She indicated that such professional guidance would be especially helpful in consideration of historic bridges and engineering issues.

Ms. Warren confirmed that she sent the Commissioners a summary of Section 106 Review process and draft of the memorandum to the Selectmen requesting the assistance of experts for the Section 106 review.

Both Ms. Cebra and Ms. Katz agreed it might take time to go through the funding aspect with Board of Selectmen (BOS). Ms. Warren agreed.

Ms. Warren confirmed discussion regarding the Eversource letter would be tabled to the June 16, 2020 meeting.

Ms. Warren motioned the Historical Commission would send the draft letter to the Massachusetts Historical Commission with carbon copy to Eversource, The Army Corp. of Engineers, with cc's to the Town Manager and Town Counsel as soon as the Planning Department can facilitate sending of such letter. Ms. Cebra seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Warren – Aye, Cebra – Aye, Greene – Aye, Katz – Aye, and Bautze – Aye.

VOTED: The Historical Commission would send a letter to the Massachusetts Historical Commission with carbon copy to Eversource, the Army Corp. of Engineers, Town Manager, and Town Counsel; as soon as the Planning Department can facilitate sending of such letter, the letter having been reviewed and approved by Town Counsel.

Ms. Warren suggested the Commission present request to the BOS for expert consultant engineering/preservation services to assist with review of the project for the Section 106 consultation.

Ms. Warren expects funding for such professional engineering services will be less than 10,000.00 limit.

Ms. Warren motioned to submit to the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager a memorandum to request expert services to assist the Historical Commission with Section 106 Review of the Eversource transmission line project's impact on Sudbury's historical and archeological resources as outlined in the

draft memorandum, to conclude that the Historical Commission is seeking services of a certified civil/structural engineer, one who meets historic preservation qualifications and standards in engineering, to explore the viability of using alternative methods to avoid bridge damage or damage to other historical/ archeological resources and/or to preserve them. The services of preservation consultant shall include conducting a peer review of the project's impact on historic and archeological resources and a discussion of funding sources. Ms. Cebra seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Warren – Aye, Cebra – Aye, Greene – Aye, Katz – Aye, and Bautze – No.

VOTED: To submit to the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager a memorandum to request expert services to assist the Historical Commission with Section 106 Review of the Eversource transmission line project impact on Sudbury's historical and archeological resources as outlined in the draft memorandum, to conclude that the Historical Commission is seeking services of a certified civil/structural engineer, one who meets historic preservation qualifications and standards in engineering, to explore the viability of using alternative methods to avoid bridge damage or damage to other historical/ archeological resources and/or to preserve them, and the services of a historic preservation consultant to conduct a peer review of the projects' impact on historic and archeological resources, and a discussion of funding sources.

Upcoming Agenda Suggestions

Ms. Warren suggested that Commissioners read the Reconnaissance Level Historic Properties Survey and summary of the Archaeological Intensive (Locational) Survey Commonwealth, both conducted Heritage Group for discussion at the next Commission meeting on June 16, 2020.

Ms. Cebra suggested a budget update from Ms. Costa.

Mr. Greene thanked Selectman Pat Brown for providing Sharky family information. He noted he was attempting to contact a member of the Sharky family.

Adjourn

Ms. Warren moved to adjourn the Historical Commission meeting. Ms. Cebra seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Warren – Aye, Cebra – Aye, Greene – Aye, Katz – Aye, and Bautze – Aye.

VOTED: To adjourn the Historical Commission meeting. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:25 PM.