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MINUTES

APRIL 20, 2021

VIRTUAL MEETING

Members Present: Chair Chris Hagger, Vice-Chair Diana Warren, Diana Cebra, Taryn Trexler, Jan Costa, Steve Greene, Marjorie Katz, Fred Bautze

Others Present: Rick Conard, Wayland Historical Commission, Beth Parry, Coordinator Planning and Community Development

Open Meeting and Roll Call:

Mr. Hagger opened the meeting 6:30 p.m. and requested roll call: Greene-present, Hagger-present, Cebra-present, Costa-present, Trexler-present, Warren-present, Katz-present

24 Church Street under the Demolition Delay Bylaw

Present: Owners/Applicants – Mr. and Mrs. Garofalo

Mr. Hagger stated that the Commission received the Demolition Delay letter from the Building Inspector on April 8. The Commission conducted a timely site tour of the property on April 15, and tonight the Commission will determine if the property is historically significant.

Ms. Warren said that home had architectural significance as a Italianate Queen Anne structure that was owned since being built by the same family for 150 years. She stated that the house was connected to some of the oldest families in Sudbury – the Hurlbut, Eaton, Haynes, and Howe families. Ms. Warren stated that the home was historically significant and built in 1873.

Mr. Hagger noted that half of the structure is in the historic district.

Ms. Costa stated read the criterion regarding historical significance and noted that the property examples Italianate architecture, which is rare in Sudbury. She indicated that the property had historical significance.

Ms. Trexler said the owners are interested in preserving the property. She agreed that the homes architecture is very distinctive.

Ms. Warren added that the family was connected to South Sudbury businesses including greenhouses, part of the socioeconomic development of Sudbury.

Mr. Garofalo confirmed he was trying to keep the property within its historical character.

Ms. Cebra motioned that the building at 24 Church Street is historically significant. Ms. Warren seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 7-0; Greene-aye, Hagger-aye, Cebra-aye, Costa-aye, Trexler-aye, Warren-aye, Katz-aye

Mr. Hagger confirmed that the next step in the Demo Delay process was the public hearing which could be scheduled for May 18, 2021.

Historic House Markers

Ms. Katz confirmed that she sent the necessary information along. Ms. Warren stated that she had a conversation with Bob Leonard, the person who makes the house markers. She found the cost for the sign was \$85 and requested that the homeowner supply the specifications the existing sign. Ms. Warren indicated that it was unfair that a portion of sign proceeds should go to the Sudbury Historical Society. Ms. Warren stated that the signs are generally placed on the right side of the front door, depending on the size.

554 Boston Post Road Historic Signage

Ms. Warren summarized previous discussions regarding the appropriate type of sign – a historic house marker – for the Stone Tavern at 554 Boston Post Road. She confirmed that the Commissioners indicated that this more-historical sign would be appropriate.

Ms. Warren stated that the property owner had not responded yet to the Commissioners recommendation for a historic house marker sign.

Mr. Hagger stated that the Commissioners would continue this discussion at the next meeting.

Cemetery Stones

Mr. Greene mentioned the three stones in the Hearst House. He stated that the Commissioners must decide what to do about the Sudbury stone. He read associated protocol as documented by a local historic gravestone professional. Mr. Greene suggested raising the Maynard Wheeler stone so it would lie against the Hearst House wall rather than lying on the floor.

Mr. Hagger recommended that Mr. Greene write a summary about the stone and present it at the next meeting and invite Mr. Duchesneau to that meeting.

Mr. Greene explained that the other two stones belong in Natick and plans should be made to transfer them to Natick. He noted that all the stones are dated the early 1800s.

Mr. Hagger suggested that Mr. Greene write a narrative on the Natick gravestones to present to Town Manager and the Select Board.

BFRT Historical and Cultural Artifacts

Mr. Greene stated that Mr. Conard and Mr. Pransky of the BFRT Advisory Task Force, had discovered additional artifacts.

Mr. Greene stated he would add these additional artifacts to the report for finalization. Ms. Warren suggested that the artifacts summary be shared with the MA Historical Commission.

Demolition Delay Bylaw

Ms. Costa confirmed that the Demolition Delay Bylaw educational write-ups are now on the SHC website. She reviewed the Bylaw and new material as they appear on the SHC website, with related links. Mr. Bautze suggested the creation of a protected PDF file to avoid any possible modification/edits.

Sudbury Historic Property Survey

Mr. Hagger stated that he, Ms. Trexler, and the Survey consultants met to plan for the next phase of the Property Survey.

Ms. Trexler added that the consultants have started Phase III of the process, which reflects the most-detailed phase of the project.

Ms. Trexler confirmed there were a total of 109 buildings included on the Survey, in consideration that some properties have multiple buildings. She maintained that August would be the next milestone date.

Historic Preservation Plan/CPA Project Presentation

Ms. Warren reiterated that the MA Historical Commission approved the grant application for a town wide Historic Preservation Plan. She confirmed that she drafted and sent the letter of grant acceptance.

Ms. Warren stated she would be attending an orientation meeting with the MA Historical Commission.

Mr. Hagger confirmed that he would be recording the Commissions CPA Articles on SudburyTV.

Eversource – Transmission Line Project

Ms. Warren reviewed her drafted letter to Vivian Kimball of VHB, regarding the Sudbury-Hudson Transmission Reliability Line and Mass Central Rail Trail Projects, MHC #RC.62384, EEA#15703, USACE NAE-2017-01406; dated April 21, 2021, as signed by she and Mr. Hagger. She detailed that the MBTA requested a 30-day extension which would detain a decision from the US Surface Transportation Board regarding the Petition for a Declaratory Judgement on whether the Central MA Railroad had been legally abandoned. She stated there was likely to be another extension with the Board. Commissioners reviewed the drafted letter and provided edits and recommendations.

Ms. Warren explained that The Advisory Council had not made any decision regarding participation as a consulting party in the Section 106 review. The Narragansett tribe had also made request to the Advisory Council regarding the project.

Ms. Warren noted the parties included on the cc portion of the letter, including officials at SHPO, MHC, THPO members of Wampanoag, Narragansett Tribes, ACHP, USACE, DCR officials, State Senator Jamie Eldridge, State Representative Carmine Gentile, Hudson Historical Commission, Sudbury Town Manager and Sudbury Town Counsel.

Within the subject letter, she again asked for the Memorandum of Understanding between Eversource and DCR. Commissioners indicated that such question regarding the MOU should not be included in this letter.

Hosmer House

Mr. Hagger noted that the cleaning of the Hosmer House was being reviewed, and that Town Manager requested a meeting to discuss possible cleaning options.

Ms. Cebra mentioned the deteriorating aspects at the Hosmer House, focusing on the windows, rugs, and other aspects.

Mr. Hagger noted that Mr. Barletta would be coming to a Commission meeting and suggested that a list be presented to him.

Approval of February 16, 2021 and March 3, 9 and 16th meeting minutes

Mr. Greene motioned to approve the February 16, 2021 minutes. Mr. Hagger seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 7-0; Greene-aye, Hagger-aye, Costa-aye, Trexler-aye, Cebra-aye, Warren-aye, Kata-aye

SHC Finance Reports

Ms. Costa reviewed the SHC Finance Reports and provided year to date balances in the General Fund and the Hosmer Fund, as of March 31, 2021.

Ms. Warren asked the Commissioners to approve another \$500.00 in consulting services for Stacy Spies, in the event such services might be required to assist with the SHC Section 106 consultation.

Ms. Warren motioned to approve \$500.00 in consulting services for Stacy Spies as needed for consulting working regarding Section 106 Commission preparations. Mr. Greene seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 7-0; Greene-aye, Hagger-aye, Costa-aye, Trexler-aye, Cebra-aye, Warren-aye, Katz-aye

COI Law/Ethics Training

Mr. Hagger reminded Commissioners to complete the COI Law/Ethics Training.

Other Items

Mr. Hagger noted that an application had been submitted by Kathryn McGrath, who has expressed interest in becoming an associate for the SHC. He suggested that the Commissioners discuss this aspect at the meeting on May 18th. He noted that he and Ms. Warren are scheduled for re-appointment to the Commission, which can be discussed at the May 18th meeting, as well.

Mr. Hagger acknowledged issues at the Haynes-Garrison site regarding pruning around the cellar/tree issue and rotted rail at the Training Field to be addressed to Mr. Barletta. Ms. Cebra recommended that DPW work at the Haynes-Garrison site.

Date for Next Meeting(s)

May 18, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Public Comment

Resident Nicholas Pernice, 255 Peakham Road, asked about Bridge 127. Mr. Hagger responded that the Commission continues to suggest design options as presented to DCR regarding the preservation of Bridge 127.

Adjourn

Mr. Hagger motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Greene seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 7-0; Greene-aye, Hagger-aye, Trexler-aye, Cebra-aye, Costa-aye, Warren-aye, Katz-aye

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:40 p.m.