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MINUTES

OCTOBER 25, 2021

VIRTUAL MEETING

Present: Chair Chris Hagger, Vice-Chair Diana Warren, Jan Costa, Diana Cebra, Steve Greene, Marjorie Katz, Alternate SHC Members: Chris Durall, Kathryn McGrath

Absent: Taryn Trexler

Others Present: Beth Perry, Planning and Community Development Coordinator; Rick Conard, Railroad Historian and Wayland Historical Commission Member

At 6:30 P.M. Mr. Hagger called the meeting to order, and requested Sudbury Historical Commission rollcall; Hagger-present, Costa-present, Cebra-present, McGrath-present, Warren-present, Durall-present, Greene-present, Katz-present

Minutes

Mr. Hagger noted that several sets of minutes would be reviewed at the next Commission meeting in November.

Sudbury Fire Truck Donation

Mr. Hagger explained that the fire truck would be returning to Sudbury; the Wayside Inn Foundation made an agreement with the State.

Ms. Warren commented that the receiver was the Wayside Inn Foundation. She thanked the Wayside Inn Foundation for acting on this matter.

Mr. Hagger reiterated the Select Board and the Sudbury Historical Commission acted in a timely manner.

92 Goodnow Road

Ms. Warren reported on her research and feedback from MHC and masslistserv responses from other communities about the application of the Demolition Delay bylaw on foundations as part of a structure. She detailed, specifically, that the Historic Commissions in the towns of Weston, Melrose and Chatham (among others); included secondary structures/outbuildings as part of their demolition delay bylaw.

Ms. Warren thanked the homeowner for his intent on restoring the barn/carriage house (secondary building) at 92 Goodnow Road.

In reviewing the bylaw, Mr. Hagger indicated that this home might not necessarily have historical significance given the many alterations made to the property.

Ms. Cebra thanked the homeowner, for intent to care for the structure, and suggested a site visit by the Commissioners. She indicated that the outbuildings were very important considerations.

Ms. Costa mentioned that the property did have alterations made, and found that the foundation was not very visible from the street. She agreed that the structure likely was not historically significant, and recommended that the owner move forward, without going forward with the demolition delay bylaw process.

Ms. McGrath suggested further research regarding what the age of the foundation might be important because it could be from a previous structure; also, whether or not any potential archaeological resource is in view couldn't be used to decide if the Demolition Delay bylaw applies, since most associated archaeological remnants would be below ground.

Ms. Warren stated that the Commission had scant information about the structure to make a decision without a site visit. She stated she was sensitive to the time issue for the owner. She recommended that a site visit be done quickly after an application is submitted. She mentioned the importance of applying the bylaw fairly to all owners.

Resident Kristen Hurwitz, owner of 92 Goodnow Road, stated she endorsed a site visit be made by the Commission, but wanted to address the rot in the foundation of the carriage house as soon as possible, before it worsened.

Ms. Warren motioned that the Sudbury Historical Commission recommend to the Building Inspector that the Demolition Delay By-law be applied to 92 Goodnow Road, and after an application is submitted, the Commission would expeditiously conduct a site visit. Ms. Cebra seconded the motion. It was on motion 4-3-0 (4 in favor, 3 against, and 0 abstentions); Greene-no, Hagger-no, McGrath-aye, Cebra-aye, Costano, Katz-aye, Warren-aye,

VOTED: That the Sudbury Historical Commission recommend to the Building Inspector that the Demolition Delay By-law be applied to 92 Goodnow Road, and after an application is submitted, the Commission would expeditiously conduct a site visit.

Section 106-Eversource

Ms. Warren stated that the draft of the SHC letter to the US Army Corps of Engineers had been circulated to the Commissioners prior to the meeting, noting she had made several more edits to the draft.

Commissioners proceeding with detailed discussion regarding the various sections of the updated edited draft letter to the USACE as follows:

Section 106 Process under 36 CFR 800

- USACE Reliance on Appendix C – 33 CFR 325
- Comments on the July 30, 2021, Revised Draft Memorandum of Agreement
- Questions Regarding DCR's Standing Under Section 106
- Comments on the NR Eligible Central Mass Railroad Corridor's Structures and Features

- Section Tool House(STH)
- Railroad Diamond Crossing (at junction with the Lowell-Framingham RR Line)
- Two Signal Towers (Distant Approach Interlocking Signal M208 at MP20.80 and Distant Signal at MP19.26)
- Rail Bed
- Rails
- Telegraph Poles
- Features Designed “Outside the Project Limit” and “Features to be Retained”
- Treatment of Culverts
- Features Designated to be “Removed and Reset”
- “Candlestick” Signal Relay Boxes
- Protections for Features to be “Removed and Reset”
- Impact Mitigation for RR features – SHC requests the following:
- SHC Requests to the USACE
- Sudbury Historical Commission’s Previous Letters and Comments
- Conclusion

Ms. Warren confirmed she and Ms. McGrath would implement suggested changes, and Ms. Katz would provide several editorial changes.

Next Meeting/s

November 16, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. Mr. Hagger noted Mass DCR representative/s would be presenting to the Commission at that meeting.

Resident and Select Board Member Charlie Russo, 30 Juniper Road, commented he was speaking for himself, and thanked the Commission for their efforts regarding the Section 106 – Eversource matter. He requested the Select Board be included on the USACE letter. Ms. Warren confirmed the Select Board would definitely be added to the cc list.

Adjourn

Mr. Hagger motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Greene seconded the motion. It was on motion 5-0; McGrath-aye, Hagger-aye, Greene-aye, Cebra-aye, Costa-aye, Warren-aye, Katz-aye

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting

The meeting adjourned at 9:54 P.M.