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MINUTES

January 10, 2022

VIRTUAL MEETING

Present: Chair Chris Hagger, Vice-Chair Diana Warren, Jan Costa, Diana Cebra, Taryn Trexler, Chris Durall, Kathryn McGrath

Absent: Steve Greene and Marjorie Katz

Others Present: Beth Perry, Planning and Community Development Coordinator

At 6:30 P.M., Mr. Hagger called the meeting to order, and requested Sudbury Historical Commission roll call: Costa-present, Hagger-present, Cebra-present, McGrath-present, Durall-present, Trexler-present, Warren-present,

Mr. Hagger confirmed that Mr. Durall and Ms. McGrath would be serving as a voting members in the absence of Mr. Greene and Ms. Katz.

Approval of October 14th, October 19th, October 25th (previously approved – to be posted), and November 16, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Hagger motioned to approve the Historical Commission minutes for October 14, 2021, as edited. Ms. Warren seconded the motion. It was on motion 7-0; Costa-aye, Hagger-aye, Cebra-aye, McGrath-aye, Warren-aye, Durall-aye, Trexler-aye

VOTED: To approve the October 14, 2021 Historical Commission Minutes, as edited

Mr. Hagger motioned to approve the Historical Commission Minutes for October 19, 2021. Ms. Warren seconded the motion. It was on motion 7-0; Costa-aye, Hagger-aye, Cebra-aye, McGrath-aye, Warren-aye, Durall-aye, Trexler-aye

VOTED: To approve the October 19, 2021 Historical Commission Minutes

Mr. Hagger motioned to approve the Historical Commission Minutes for November 16, 2021, as edited. Ms. Warren seconded the motion. It was on motion 7-0; Costa-aye, Hagger-aye, Cebra-aye, McGrath-aye, Warren-aye, Durall-aye, Trexler-aye

VOTED: To approve the November 16, 2021 Historical Commission Minutes, as edited

At approximately 6:42 P.M., Mr. Durall left the meeting.

82 Morse Road, Broadacres Farm under the Demolition Delay Bylaw – Site Inspection Scheduling

Mr. Hagger provided summary regarding the Demolition Delay Application for three buildings sited at 82 Morse Road, submitted by the Town of Sudbury.

The Commissioners agreed to conduct the site inspection on the 24th or 25th of February at 11:00 P.M. Mr. Hagger confirmed he would present these two scheduling options to the applicant – The Town of Sudbury, and confirm the date with the Commissioners.

Eversource – USACE Response Letter

Mr. Hagger referenced the December 17, 2021 US Army Corps of Engineers Letter and its attachments addressed to Chris Hagger, Chair of the Sudbury Historical Commission, concerning “Determination of Effect (DOE) Findings and Revised Permit Area and Area of Potential Effect (AP) Boundaries for the Sudbury-Hudson Transmission Reliability and Massachusetts Central Rail Trail Project.”

Mr. Hagger explained that within this letter, the USACE (US Army Corps of Engineers) asked the SHC to provide formal comments on the issues in the letter and the attachment which includes a revised draft the MOA. He stated Ms. Warren had drafted such response letter, and requested Commissioner comments/amendments be submitted by tomorrow morning, in consideration USACE has requested the response be mailed to them by the end of this week.

Mr. Hagger mentioned first addressing the DOE finding and APE boundary comments.

Ms. Costa suggested the Commission response letter could be formatted as a shorter executive summary with the key questions and issues, and then the remaining issues and detail organized into an attached appendix. Mr. Hagger presented a similar comment suggesting that important comments be highlighted and questions be pulled out to be listed separately, and recommended the conclusion reiterate the primary topics.

Ms. Warren commented that the individuals at the Corps who will review the letter are experts and will understand the details and that she would draft an Addendum to attach to the letter that will restate the questions in the body of the letter.

Commissioners proceeded to review all sections of the draft letter, including:

- “Updated Plans for Permit Area and Area of Potential Effects Boundaries”
- “Inventory for CMRR Corridor in Hudson, MA”
- “Updated Project Impacts Listing of CMRRCHD Railroad Features in Sudbury”
- “Post Review Discoveries Plan (PRDP)”
- “Identification of Historic Properties” – Mr. Hagger recommended the first two sentences of this section be in bold print
- “Area of Potential Effect – Scope of the Undertaking”
- “Determination of National Register Eligible Historic Properties”
- “Determination of Adverse Effects”
- “Archaeological Site Avoidance and Protection Plan (ASAPP)”
- “DCR’s Standing Under NHPA Section 106/Clean Water Act Sections 404”
- “Memorandum of Agreement” – Mr. Hagger suggested this section be located at the beginning of the letter, with the first sentence in bold print

- “Section 106 Review” – Commissioners agreed with the suggestion that this section be included in the conclusion section
- “SHC Requests Consultation Meeting with the Corp”
- “Conclusion” – Ms. Warren reiterated the conclusion should include summary of highlighted sections as well as, bolded sentences

Resident, Nick Pernice, 255 Peakham Road, expressed some confusion about USACE determining the APE would be based on both Section 106 and still on Appendix C in respect to adverse effects on historic properties. He said it seemed that the Corps was still relying on Appendix C. Ms. Warren commented that the observation made by Mr. Pernice was true that the Corps was using Appendix C and she would add this statement to the letter and refer to the ACHP comment. Commissioners agreed with adding such comment to the letter.

Date for next meeting(s)

Mr. Hagger stated that the next Historical Commission Meeting was scheduled for January 18, 2022 at 6:30 P.M.

Mr. Hagger reminded the Commissioners of workshops being hosted by the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

Motion to adjourn

Mr. Hagger motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Cebra seconded the motion. It was on motion 6-0; Cebra-aye, Warren-aye, McGrath-aye, Costa-aye, Trexler-aye, Hagger-aye

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.