



# Town of Sudbury

## Historical Commission

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### MINUTES

**May 17, 2022 AT 6:30 PM**

### VIRTUAL MEETING

Present: Chair Chris Hagger, Diana Cebra, Steve Greene, Jan Costa, Marjorie Katz, Chris Durall

Others Present: Planning & Zoning Coordinator Beth Perry, Historic Preservation Consultant Peter Benton

Absent: Vice-Chair Diana Warren, Taryn Trexler, Kathryn McGrath

Mr. Hagger opened the meeting at 6:30 PM. Roll Call was taken: Costa-present, Hagger-present, Cebra-present, Greene-present, Durall-present, Katz-present

#### **Approval of February 15, 2022; March 15, 2022; April 5, 2022; April 19, 2022 and May 10, 2022**

##### February 15, 2022

**Mr. Hagger motioned to approve the February 15, 2022 minutes, as amended. Ms. Cebra seconded the motion. It was on motion 6-0; Costa-aye, Hagger-aye, Cebra-aye, Greene-aye, Durall-aye, Katz-aye**

##### March 15, 2022

**Mr. Hagger motioned to approve the March 15, 2022 minutes, as shown. Mr. Greene seconded the motion. It was on motion 6-0; Costa-aye, Hagger-aye, Cebra-aye, Greene-aye, Durall-aye, Katz-aye**

#### **Town Center Tour and Celebration**

Present: Jan Hardenbergh, 17 Tippling Rock Road

Mr. Hardenbergh indicated it was a good time to conduct a Town Center Tour and Celebration, adding that there was resident interest. He provided detail about the Meeting House and the first meetings, and preaching of the first service on the West Side. He noted that the last in-person Town Center Tour was conducted in 2014, and that Ms. Cebra helped organize that event.

Mr. Hardenbergh recommended the Tour be scheduled for September 18, 2022; and asked if the Hosmer House could be open for the Tour. Mr. Hardenbergh stated there would be thirteen stops on the Tour, beginning with Town Hall and ending at the Loring Parsonage/the Town Common. He added that at each stop, an historical narrative would be presented. Mr. Hardenbergh explained that three tours would be planned, lasting approximately one hour each.

Mr. Greene suggested that the Hearse House be open for the tour as well. Mr. Greene volunteered to be the guide at the Hearse House during the tour, and offered to make several posters about the Hearse House.

Ms. Costa agreed that such tour was a great idea and would help advance civic pride.

Ms. Katz supported the tour plan, adding that her participation would depend on COVID status on September 18, 2022.

Mr. Hagger inquired about publicity aspects. Mr. Hardenbergh mentioned the Town's Twitter account, the First Parish Newsletter, Historical Society could publicize it to their members, Facebook, The Sudbury Patch, and the Town website. Ms. Katz recommended putting up signs throughout Town. Ms. Costa mentioned the Sudbury Public School website.

**Mr. Hagger motioned that the Sudbury Historical Commission supports the Town Center Tour and Celebration, to take place on September 18, 2022; the Hosmer House and the Hearse House will be open to visitors. Ms. Costa seconded the motion. It was on motion 6-0; Costa-aye, Hagger-aye, Cebra-aye, Greene-aye, Durall-aye, Katz-aye**

#### **Historical Commission Member Candidate Appointments/Reappoints**

Mr. Hagger stated that Ms. McGrath would be appointed voting member of the Historical Commission, to take the place of Taryn Trexler, and Ms. Cebra would be re-appointed. Mr. Hagger added that the Select Board would be voting on this aspect at the June Select Board meeting. He confirmed that Town Manager Hayes communicated that the Historical Commission could conduct their business as they are now doing, until the Select Board approves this matter at the June meeting.

#### **Community Preservation Committee (CPC) Appointment**

Diana Warren indicated she would step down from serving on the Community Preservation Committee, after serving on that Committee for many years. Ms. Costa expressed interest in becoming a CPC member, representing the SHC.

**Mr. Hagger motioned that the Sudbury Historical Commission appoint Jan Costa to be the Sudbury Historical Commission representative. Ms. Katz seconded the motion. It was on motion 6-0; Costa-aye, Hagger-aye, Cebra-aye, Greene-aye, Durall-aye, Katz-aye**

#### **Eversource 106 Review**

Mr. Hagger confirmed that he and Ms. Warren attended a recent Select Board meeting when they were reviewing the Memo the SHC had sent the SB that requested the Select Board take actions to help promote discussions between the Army Corps of Engineers and the Historical Commission. He added that the Select Board drafted a letter in support of continued discussions. Mr. Hagger stated he had not receive a copy of that letter; and was unsure of the status.

#### **Historic Preservation Plan Update**

Mr. Hagger noted that Historic Preservation Plan Consultant Peter Benton, was not present at this meeting. He confirmed further discussion regarding the Historic Preservation Plan, would take place at

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the next Historical Commission meeting on June 7, 2022; and related Commissioner comments could be sent to Mr. Benton in advance of the meeting.

Mr. Hagger stated that Ms. Warren suggested that the second Historic Preservation Plan Forum take place on June 22<sup>nd</sup> or June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Board members discussed the proposed dates. Commissioners indicated June 22<sup>nd</sup> would be preferred.

Mr. Hagger stated that the Commission would be receiving guidance from Sudbury Town Counsel regarding aspects of the Demolition Delay Bylaw.

### **Sudbury Granite Markers**

Mr. Durall provided related update regarding the markers, and confirmed he would be sending out an updated listing. He shared photos of granite markers, including the marker at Peakham Road. He stated he would be working with DPW.

### **SHC Updates**

Mr. Hagger recognized that former SHC member, Taryn Trexler, had contributed much to the Sudbury Historical Commission, and put much effort into the procuring of the grant advancement and also oversaw completion of the historic home inventory. Mr. Hagger initiated the group applause honoring Ms. Trexler.

Mr. Hagger suggested that the new Town Facilities Director Sandra Duran, might consider coming to the Commission meeting in June, with special consideration of the Hosmer House and proposed work scheduled to be completed at the site.

Mr. Hagger and Mr. Durall left the meeting at approximately 7:50 PM, to present to the Select Board meeting, regarding the Mass Historical Commission Certified Local Government endorsement at 7:50 PM.

### **Hosmer House including Cleaning, Textiles, Paper Storage, July 4<sup>th</sup> Opening/Access**

Ms. Cebra stated the cleaning company had provided additional cleaning services, without added cost.

Ms. Cebra located several pieces of additional textiles in the attic, to be reviewed at another time. Ms. Cebra confirmed that there was still a significant amount of paper to be stored. Because this review would take several weeks, Ms. Cebra recommended the paper storage options be addressed at a time after the opening of the Hosmer House, on Memorial Day and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Related discussion took place regarding docents who might be available.

### **Rail Road Section House Roof**

Mr. Greene stated that he would prefer that a more in-depth Commission discussion take place including the newly appointed Town Facilities Director.

### **Cemetery Stone Restoration/Return of Cemetery Stones to Natick**

Mr. Greene stated that there has been no comments about the stones returned to Natick.

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He shared the estimate to restore one broken slate grave marker from Historic Gravestone Services – Ta Mara Conde, in the amount of \$800.00.

Ms. Katz supplied information regarding CPC-related funding.

### **Inventory Form Copying**

Ms. Costa informed the Commissioners that the cost associated with the printing of the Inventory Form Report/Home Surveys, would total to approximately \$800.00. Ms. Costa thanked Ms. Perry and Ms. Trexler for their time spent on this project.

### **Historical Commission Finance Reports**

Ms. Costa reviewed the Historical Commission Finance Reports, with focus on the General Fund. Related expense for archival material was also discussed by the Commission. The topic of the Hosmer House garden-related expense was considered.

Mr. Greene provided detail regarding the Hearse House historical marker expense. Ms. Katz opined the cost for the historical marker would be \$225 for the Hearse House marker.

**Ms. Costa motioned to approve the FY2022 available Historical Commission General Fund allocations: \$500.00 for Hosmer House archival materials/textiles (assuming no prior vote was taken), up to \$400.00 for Hosmer House garden plantings and supplies; and up to \$225 for Hearse House Historic sign/marker. Mr. Greene seconded the motion. It was on motion 4-0; Cebra-aye, Greene-aye, Katz-aye, Costa-aye**

### **Historic House Marker Program**

Ms. Katz provided a brief update, and stated that a sign was now at 79 Nobscot Road.

Ms. Katz discovered after research, that the Medford markers were created by Mr. Leonard, and a community volunteer provided the historic report for each property. She added that a portion of the proceeds were allocated to the Medford Historical Museum.

### **Historic New England Summit and Mass History Alliance Annual Mass History Conference**

Ms. Costa stated the Historic New England Summit and Mass History Alliance Annual Mass History Conference would be held on June 6 and 7, 2022. The June 7<sup>th</sup> session would be conducted remotely.

### **Future Agenda Items**

Ms. Cebra acknowledged the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Frederick Law Olmstead, renowned architect of many historical gardens in the area. She stated that Bob May, resident and member of the Sudbury Valley Trustees, would plan to come to the SHC meeting on June 7<sup>th</sup> to seek Commission support for historic research/outreach at the Olmstead designed property in Sudbury. Commissioners expressed interest.

### **Date for Next Meeting**

June 7, 2022

### **Adjourn**

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**Ms. Costa motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Greene seconded the motion. It was on motion 4-0; Cebra-aye, Greene-aye, Katz-aye, Costa-aye**

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8:43 PM