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MINUTES

September 14, 2022 AT 1:00 PM
Revolutionary War Cemetery/Hearse House
334 Concord Road

Present: Chair Chris Hagger, Diana Cebra, Jan Costa, Chris Durall, Steve Greene, Kathryn McGrath

Others Present: Planning & Zoning Coordinator Beth Perry, Community Preservation Coordinator Ryan Poteat, Sudbury Historical Society Members Elin Neiterman, Beth Gray-Nix and Ed Kreutz

Absent: Vice-Chair Diana Warren and Marjorie Katz

Mr. Hagger opened the meeting at 1:03 PM. Roll Call was taken: Hagger-present, Cebra-present, Costa-present, Durall-present, Greene-present, McGrath-present

Sudbury Revolutionary War Cemetery including recognition of revolutionary war soldiers and gravestones

After discovering there was a number of soldiers and other citizens that had been buried at the cemetery and not recorded there is a want/need to memorialize them.

Elin Neiterman explained how with research and the help of Ground penetrating radar unmarked graves were discovered. The Veterans agent had donated 60 Betsy Ross flags to be placed to memorialize the unmarked graves.

The current Kiosk is missing names of those buried there and the Sudbury Historical Society pointed out a few errors in the current Kiosk map. There was a discussion on how the missing names could be added.

Jan Costa indicated that the current kiosk was developed by a Sudbury Eagle Scout, and the group agreed that the Eagle Scout plaque will remain on the kiosk in the event of any kiosk modifications.

Ed Kreutz had found names and markers of people that are not actually buried at the cemetery

Ms. Neiterman spoke about the history of some tombs and other discoveries.

Diana Cebra questioned how this new information would be verified.

There was a conversation about what to do next and what commissions/boards need to be involved.

Beth Gray-Nix commented that a publicized collaboration and celebration would be great Public Relations for the Historical Society, Historical Commission and the Town.

There was a discussion as to where the new kiosk should be placed and how it could be designed.

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A motion passed 6-0 that the SHC agreed to adding the missing names to the kiosk, keeping the current kiosk base, creating a larger top with more space to include the list of missing names researched by the SHS and to correct errors on the current map identified by the SHS.

There was a discussion on the placement of the 60 flags and if permission for the Historic Districts Commission would be required. The SHS suggested a location across Concord Avenue around the monument for flag placement.

Steven Greene observed a sign stating the Revolutionary war cemetery was under the jurisdiction of the Sudbury Historical Commission. It was agreed that the condition of the sign needs to be improved and its location moved. This will be discussed at the next Historical Commission Meeting.

The group walked to where the Maynard Wheeler stone is located. Mr. Greene stated it had been replaced as the previous one was broken in three places and is currently laying on the ground inside of the Hearse House.

There was a discussion about the newer Maynard Wheeler Stone marker and noted that it currently has three cracks in it and it is not certain how long it will last intact. There was discussion regarding the original stone and what should be done with it.

There was a motioned to adjourn the meeting. At 2:35pm. Mr. Greene seconded the motion. Hagger-Aye, Cebra-aye, Costa-aye, Durall – Aye, Greene-aye, and McGrath – Aye