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MINUTES

NOVEMBER 15, 2022

VIRTUAL MEETING

Present: Chair Chris Hagger, Treasurer Jan Costa, Diana Cebra, Marjorie Katz, Chris Durall, Kathryn McGrath, Steven Greene

Absent: Diana Warren

Others Present: Planning & Zoning Coordinator Beth Perry

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

Approval of Minutes

Minutes for 7/12/22, 7/14/22, 8/16/22, 9/8/22 and 9/20/22 were reviewed.

Mr. Hagger motioned to approve the 7/12/22 Minutes of the Sudbury Historical Commission, as edited. Ms. Costa seconded the motion. It was on motion 7-0; Cebra-aye, Hagger-aye, Greene-aye, Costa-aye, McGrath-aye, Durall-aye, Katz-aye

Mr. Hagger motioned to approve the 7/14/22 Minutes of the Sudbury Historical Commission, as edited. Ms. Costa seconded the motion. It was on motion 7-0; Cebra-aye, Hagger-aye, Greene-aye, Costa-aye, McGrath-aye, Durall-aye, Katz-aye

Mr. Hagger motioned to approve the 8/16/22 Minutes of the Sudbury Historical Commission, as edited. Ms. Costa seconded the motion. It was on motion 6-0-1; Cebra-aye, Hagger-aye, Greene-aye, Costa-aye, McGrath-aye, Durall-aye, Katz-abstained

Mr. Hagger motioned to approve the 9/8/22 Minutes of the Sudbury Historical Commission, as edited. Ms. Costa seconded the motion. It was on motion 7-0; Cebra-aye, Hagger-aye, Greene-aye, Costa-aye, McGrath-aye, Durall-aye, Katz-aye

Mr. Hagger motioned to approve the 9/20/22 Minutes of the Sudbury Historical Commission, as edited. Ms. Costa seconded the motion. It was on motion 7-0; Cebra-aye, Hagger-aye, Greene-aye, Costa-aye, McGrath-aye, Durall-aye, Katz-aye

328 Hudson Road under the Sudbury Demolition Delay Bylaw

Present: Victor Sathler, Applicant

After some discussion, Mr. Hagger commented that the structure at 328 Hudson Road was not historically significant. Mr. Hagger stated that alteration to the attached garage would need to come before the Sudbury Historical Commission under the Sudbury Demolition Delay Bylaw.

Mr. Hagger motioned that based on the Historical Commission site visit to 328 Hudson Road on 10/26/22, Commissioners agreed the main house was not historically significant due to significant alterations and updates to the original structure. Ms. Costa seconded the motion. It was on motion 5-0-2; Costa-aye, Hagger-aye, Durall-aye, Katz-aye, McGrath-aye, Greene-abstain, Cebra-abstain.

Mr. Greene and Ms. Cebra were not available to attend the site walk on 10/26/22; therefore abstained from voting.

63 Beechwood Avenue under the Sudbury Demolition Delay Bylaw

Present: Daniel Reilly, Owner/Applicant

Mr. Hagger confirmed that the front of the original cottage structure had been modified with a bay window, and the proposed addition was being proposed for the rear of the property.

Discussion evolved among Commissioners concerning the effect of the previous additions, and historical significance of the structure.

Mr. Hagger motioned that based on the 11/07/22 Commission site visit, it was determined the house is not historically significant because of prior additions/alterations and the fact that the majority of the work is being performed on a later addition to the original structure. Ms. Katz seconded the motion. It was on motion 6-0-1; Costa-aye, Hagger-aye, Durall-aye, Katz-aye, McGrath-aye, Greene-abstain, Cebra-aye.

Mr. Greene noted he was not able to attend the 11/07/22 site visit.

Recent Applications to Community Preservation Committee/Massachusetts Historical Commission match grant applicants

Mr. Hagger summarized the current applications presented to the Community Preservation Committee (CPC).

Ms. Costa reported that there was a CPC question about possible duplication of proposed work on the Hosmer House Application, and the Cultural Landscape Survey.

Commissioners discussed aspects of the two applications.

Community Preservation Committee requested annual completion report/prior funded/uncompleted Community Preservation Committee Town Meeting Articles

Ms. Costa stated the only outstanding CPC annual performance report is the Kiosk request, Article 48, which was voted on at 2015 Town Meeting. She provided summary of the purposes of this Article.

Ms. Costa mentioned the funding of Article 27 at the 2004 Town Meeting, which was passed to help fund the Revolutionary War Cemetery and signage at that Cemetery.

Mr. Hagger acknowledged there was available funding for the Kiosk request, and updating signage at the Revolutionary War Cemetery.

Hosmer House – including cleaning contract, Open Houses, Coordinator Role

Ms. Katz provided details of a meeting with Town Counsel, regarding the Open Meeting Law and how any potential Hosmer House subcommittees would need to operate under the Open Meeting Law.

Mr. Hagger mentioned the advice from Town Counsel, which maintained that if there is doubt about a topic, then post it. Ms. Katz confirmed that posting must be done 48 hours prior to discussion at a meeting.

Mr. Hagger stated that it was important that the Commission clarify the responsibilities being delegated to Ms. Cebra, in regard to decisions made concerning the Hosmer House.

Ms. Costa stressed the importance of appointing someone who can manage the Hosmer House, and be empowered to make time-sensitive decisions.

Mr. Hagger motioned that the Sudbury Historical Commission delegate the following responsibilities to the Hosmer House Coordinator: Hosmer House program authority, routine/emergency maintenance, temporary documented relocation of Hosmer collections, and authority to spend up to \$400.00 from Hosmer Fund, without prior authorization. Ms. Katz seconded the motion. It was on motion 7-0; Costa-aye, Hagger-aye, Durall-aye, Katz-aye, McGrath-aye, Greene-aye, Cebra-aye.

Ms. Cebra thanked Mr. Durall for his participation in the “Doing Good” event held at the Goodnow Library, and Ms. McGrath for her help with the open houses.

Ms. Cebra thanked Eagle Scout Asher Leavitt for his commitment to creating the Hosmer House website, which has received many favorable comments.

Ms. Costa provided details regarding the Hosmer House cleaning contract.

Mr. Hagger led a discussion regarding letter from the Sudbury Facility Director, which itemized outstanding maintenance items at the Hosmer House.

Commission members agreed the cedar shake shingles should be used when replacing the roof.

FY 24 Budget Submittal/Finance Reports

Ms. Costa detailed budgeting amounts in previous years.

Commissioner discussed FY24 budget items.

Mr. Hagger motioned to request an increase in the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget, to \$8,500. Ms. McGrath seconded the motion. It was on motion 7-0; Costa-aye, Hagger-aye, Durall-aye, Katz-aye, McGrath-aye, Greene-aye, Cebra-aye.

Massachusetts Historical Commission Certified Local Government Program Application

Mr. Hagger provided summary of the Certified Local Government Program Application status.

Historic Preservation Plan

Mr. Hagger confirmed with Ms. Perry that the finalized Historical Preservation Plan Completion Report would be submitted to the State, in order to make matching funds available to the Town. He reviewed the letter to be sent to the different Town boards, in appreciation of their contributions to the Historical Preservation Plan; and suggested review by Ms. Warren as well.

Mr. Hagger motioned to authorize Ms. Perry to send appreciation letters to all parties who were involved in HPP, and to check with Ms. Warren to ensure that everyone was acknowledged.

Ms. Costa seconded the motion. It was on motion 7-0; Costa-aye, Hagger-aye, Durall-aye, Katz-aye, McGrath-aye, Greene-aye, Cebra-aye.

Sudbury Historical Society – Revolutionary War Cemetery, including Kiosk

Ms. Costa provided update on the meeting held with the Sudbury Historical Society, concerning the information kiosk located at the Revolutionary War Cemetery.

Mr. Hagger motioned to approve the collaboration between the Sudbury Historical Commission and the Sudbury Historical Society, regarding the Kiosk for the Revolutionary War Cemetery, including an updated map and inclusion of names previously approved in September, for the kiosk. Ms. Costa seconded the motion. It was on motion 7-0; Greene-aye, Costa-aye, Hagger-aye, Durall-aye, Katz-aye, McGrath-aye, Cebra-aye.

Revolutionary War Cemetery Sign

Mr. Hagger stated the Revolutionary War Cemetery sign discussion would be continued to the December Historical Commission Meeting.

Maynard Wheeler Gravestone

Ms. Katz and Mr. Greene discussed gravestone restorers in the area.

Historic House Marker Program

No comments were presented at this time.

Community Forum on Tercentenary Roadside Markers

Mr. Hagger reminded Commissioners about a future meeting about Tercentenary Roadside Markers.

Reference Book Purchasers

Ms. McGrath mentioned various reference books she had researched.

2022 Annual Town Report

Mr. Hagger detailed the requirements of the Annual Town Report.

Mr. Hagger reported that a demolition delay application had been submitted for 32 Massasoit Road. He mentioned the scheduling of a site visit for 32 Massasoit Road.

Date for next meeting

Mr. Hagger announced the next scheduled Historical Commission Meeting was scheduled for December 13, 2022, at 6:30 PM.

Adjourn

Mr. Hagger motioned to adjourn the meeting of the Sudbury Historical Commission. Mr. Greene seconded the motion. It was on motion 7-0; Greene-aye, Costa-aye, Hagger-aye, Durall-aye, Katz-aye, McGrath-aye, Cebra-aye.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 PM.