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MINUTES

OCTOBER 18, 2022

VIRTUAL MEETING

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

Absent: Vice-Chair Diana Warren

Others Present: Preservation Consultant Peter Benton; Planning and Community Development Director Adam Duchesneau; Planning & Zoning Coordinator Beth Perry, Community Preservation Coordinator Ryan Poteat

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 6/21/22, 7/07/22, 9/14/22 were reviewed.

Mr. Hagger motioned to approve the 6/21/22 Minutes of the Sudbury Historical Commission, as amended. 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 7/07/22 Minutes of the Sudbury Historical Commission. 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 9/14/22 Minutes of the Sudbury Historical Commission, as amended. Mr. Greene 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 Nascimento, Owner of 328 Hudson Road

Mr. Hagger mentioned Sudbury Demolition Delay Bylaw procedures, and how they apply to the property at 328 Hudson Road. The Commissioners agreed to conduct a site visit at the property on Wednesday, October 26, 2022.

Recent Applications to Community Preservation Committee, including budget determinations

Certified Local Government Program

Mr. Hagger thanked Mr. Durall for his efforts associated with the completion of the Certified Local Government application for the Town of Sudbury.

Mr. Hagger thanked Ms. Cebra and Ms. McGrath for their efforts to open the Hosmer House to the public. Ms. McGrath stated her appreciation to the Wayland Archeological Group for bringing their artifacts for people to view.

Sudbury Historical Resource Inventory Survey, Phase V

Mr. Hagger noted that he projects the total cost estimates for Sudbury Historical Resource Inventory Survey Phase V, could be estimated at an amount of \$12,000.

Ms. McGrath asked how the cost estimate was established. Mr. Hagger explained the cost associated with a previous survey was used as comparison.

Ms. Costa inquired if the costs per property, increase each year.

Mr. Hagger motioned to amend the CPC Project Submission Form for the Sudbury Historical Resource Inventory Survey Phase V, to replace the TBD (to be determined) status, with the amount of \$12,000, and attach copies of Form A - Area Survey for Wolbach Farm and Form B - Building Survey Form for 14 Philip Road, to be used as examples. Ms. McGrath seconded the motion. It was on motion 7-0; Greene-aye, Hagger-aye. Costa-aye, McGrath-aye, Duvall-aye, Cebra-aye, Katz-aye.

Hosmer House Application

Mr. Hagger reported the Hosmer House CPC application is composed of three separate studies:

- Hosmer House Historic Structure Report
- Hosmer House Cultural Landscape Report
- Hosmer House Collections Assessment Report.

Mr. Benton stated the cost range for the reports would likely be \$85,000 to \$110,000.

Mr. Hagger suggested the Commission ask professional consultants about the scope and cost of the studies might be.

Ms. Costa stated there are 13 proposals in front of CPC for review.

Mr. Duvall inquired how the matching grants from MHC would affect the CPC request. Related discussion took place.

Mr. Hagger motioned to change the TBD language, to \$110,000 for the Hosmer House Cultural Landscape and Building Study CPC application; subject to change, if matching grants from MHC are received. Ms. Costa seconded the motion. It was on motion 7-0; Costa-aye, Hagger-aye, Greene-aye, Durall-aye, McGrath-aye, Cebra-aye, Katz-aye.

Mr. Benton spoke about the Collection Study proposal for the Hosmer House. He confirmed a consultant would compose such a report, outline the different phases of the report, and implement the recommendations.

Ms. Cebra opined about the same consultant being involved from the beginning to the end of the Collection Study report. Mr. Benton responded in the affirmative.

Mr. Hagger motioned to add \$20,000 to the CPC Application to fund a Collection Study at the Hosmer House. Ms. Costa seconded the motion. It was on motion 7-0; Costa-aye, Hagger-aye, Greene-aye, Durall-aye, McGrath-aye, Cebra-aye, Katz-aye.

Ms. McGrath reviewed the CPC Application for the Town-Wide Indigenous Cultural Landscape Study.

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

Ms. Costa stated there was only one item on the annual completion report.

Ms. Costa provided explanation regarding Article 48, the Community Preservation Fund – Historic Projects, which was originally funded with a \$22,000 grant from CPC.

Mr. Hagger inquired if there were remaining funds from Article 48, which could fund restoration of the Maynard Wheeler Gravestone. Ms. Costa replied in the affirmative.

Mass Historical Commission Certified Local Government Program Application

Mr. Durall provided update to the Certified Local Government Program Application.

Historic Preservation Plan Update/Discussion

Mr. Hagger provided update to the Historic Preservation Plan. Mr. Benton stated he would have the document completed by the end of the month.

Discussion took place regarding the Historic Preservation Plan.

Sudbury Historical Society – Revolutionary War Cemetery, including Kiosk

Ms. Costa reported a Zoom meeting had been scheduled for November 14, 2022, to research the modification of the kiosk and other issues.

Mr. Hagger expressed his appreciation to the Sudbury Historical Society for their work at the Revolutionary War Cemetery.

Revolutionary War Cemetery Sign

Mr. Hagger noted that funding for a new sign is available. He added that The Sudbury Historic Districts Commission needed to approve any changes made. Ms. Katz and Ms. Costa volunteered to represent the Commission with the mentioned process.

Maynard Wheeler Gravestone

Mr. Hagger stated the Historic Districts Commission confirmed the approval process needed to be completed before a new stone is placed at the cemetery.

Mr. Greene agreed with the proposed placement of the Maynard Wheeler gravestone.

Hosmer House including events/programming, cleaning contract, urgent repairs.

Ms. Katz mentioned Town Counsel's definition of open meeting rules.

Mr. Hagger replied he will attempt to get Town Counsel to clarify the definition of open meeting law.

Discussion regarding open meeting rules took place.

Ms. Cebra updated the status of the roof replacement at the Hosmer House, and the need to move the collections out of the attic.

Ms. Cebra detailed different items which need to be serviced/repared which have the potential to cause further damage, if not addressed.

Discussion evolved regarding maintenance of the Hosmer House.

Ms. Cebra detailed that additional volunteers were needed to help with Hosmer House openings during the upcoming Holidays.

Mr. Hagger motioned to approve the expenditure of up to \$800.00 to clean the Hosmer House, prior to the open house scheduled in December. Ms. Costa seconded the motion. It was on motion 7-0; Costa-aye, Hagger-aye, Cebra-aye, Greene-aye, McGrath-aye, Katz-aye, Durall-aye.

First Parish Asset Mapping Event

Mr. Hagger stated that a volunteer was needed to represent the Commission at the December 2nd First Parish Advisory Committee Mapping Event.

Eagle Scout Hosmer House Website update

Ms. Costa stated the Eagle Scout Asher Leavitt was asking for further edits regarding Hosmer House room descriptions for the website.

Historic House Marker Program

Ms. Katz reported the owner of 18 Boston Post Road had received permission from the Sudbury Historic Districts Commission to place the plaque where it currently is sited.

Discussion of the historic status of 361 Boston Post Road, formerly known as E Kidder Shoe Shop, took place.

SHC Finance Reports

Ms. Costa highlighted aspects of the finance reports.

Date for next meeting

Mr. Hagger announced that the next Commission meeting was scheduled for November 15, 2022.

Adjourn:

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:27 PM.