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MINUTES

DECEMBER 13, 2022 AT 6:30 PM

VIRTUAL MEETING

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

Others Present: 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, Warren-present, Costa-present, Durall-present

Approval of Minutes – October 18, 2022 and November 15, 2022

Minutes for 10/18/22 and 11/15/22 were reviewed.

Mr. Hagger motioned to approve the 10/18/22 minutes of the Sudbury Historical Commission, as edited. Mr. Greene seconded the motion. It was on motion 6-0-1; Cebra-aye, Hagger-aye, Greene-aye, Costa-aye, McGrath-aye, Warren-abstain, Katz-aye

Mr. Hagger motioned to approve the 11/15/22 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, Warren-abstain, Katz-aye

Review of 32 Massasoit Avenue under the Sudbury Demolition Delay Bylaw

Present: Timothy and Julia Martin, Owners

Mr. Hagger summarized aspects of the application, which was received on December 10, 2002.

Commissioners discussed historical significance relative to 32 Massasoit Avenue.

Mr. Hagger motioned that the Sudbury Historical Commission determined the main house at 32 Massasoit Avenue is not historically significant, based on a site visit and related information. Ms. Cebra seconded the motion. It was on motion 7-0; Costa-aye, Hagger-aye, Warren-aye, Katz-aye, McGrath-aye, Greene-aye, Cebra-aye.

Review of 196 North Road under the Sudbury Demolition Delay Bylaw

Present: Mary Brennan, Owner

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The Commissioners scheduled a site visit to the site on January 9, 2023 at 10:30 AM.

Chair Hagger confirmed that review of 196 North Road would be continued.

Hosmer House review, including roof and gutter replacement project, Open Houses, Purchase of refrigerator/microwave, and Website

Present: Sudbury Eagle Scout Asher Leavitt, Lyn MacLean, Barbara Bahlkow

Ms. Cebra thanked both Ms. Maclean and Ms. Bahlkow for their work during the Hosmer House Open House.

Ms. Bahlkow reported \$952.00 was raised during the Open House at the Hosmer House, and sale of the gingerbread men raised approximately \$200.00.

Discussion took place regarding the sale of Sudbury throws.

Mr. Hagger reported that Sandra Duran, Combined Facilities Director, requested Commission input regarding materials to be used on the new roof at the Hosmer House.

Mr. Greene stated a professional assessment of the condition of the roof was needed.

Discussion on the material, costs and timing of roof replacement took place.

Commissioners recommended cedar shakes, slate or reproduction slate, be used. Commissioners recommended the skylight be removed from the roof.

Ms. Warren recommended that the Historic Districts Commission provide an opinion on flashing material to be used at the Hosmer House, including gutters and downspouts because ultimately the HDC will decide under the Certificate of Appropriateness process.

Mr. Hagger motioned to suggest to the Sudbury Historic Districts Commission that cedar shakes or reproduction slate be used on new roof, to remove skylights, and to use copper on flashing, gutters, and downspouts. Ms. Costa seconded the motion. It was on motion 7-0; Costa-aye, Hagger-aye, Durall-aye, Katz-aye, McGrath-aye, Warren-aye, Cebra-aye.

Ms. Cebra shared plans to open the Hosmer House on the third Sundays of the month, weather permitting, and to include different themes, highlighting various history aspects.

Ms. Cebra reported that the old stove and refrigerator had been removed from the Hosmer House, and she suggested a small refrigerator and microwave be purchased to replace the old appliances.

Eagle Scout Asher Leavitt detailed the status of the updated Hosmer House website.

Ms. Costa stated the improved website reflected a huge improvement.

Commissioners commended Asher Leavitt for his efforts which improved the Hosmer House website.

Recent Applications to Community Preservation Committee/MHC matching grant application

Ms. Warren provided an update on the Inventory Survey Project Phase 5 project, which was submitted to the Community Preservation Committee for funding. She mentioned that approximately 350 surveys had been completed since 1995 through Phase IV.

Ms. Warren suggested the CPC application funding request be increased from \$12,000 to \$22,000, This is because the project had been increased from 24 to forty buildings after a follow-up second review of properties that need to be either re-surveyed, had never been surveyed or had been under surveyed in the past. She stated that the proposed list of properties was not final and would be reviewed by the consultant. Ms. Costa reported that unused funds from a 2015 CPC appropriation are available.

There was a discussion about increasing the \$22,000 request.

Ms. Warren motioned the Sudbury Historical Commission approve the request of up to \$23,000, from the CPC, to fund the Historic Inventory Survey Project Phase 5. Mr. Hagger seconded the motion. It was on motion 7-0; Costa-aye, Hagger-aye, Warren-aye, Katz-aye, McGrath-aye, Greene-aye, Cebra-aye.

Ms. Cebra mentioned that a meeting was held with a consultant regarding the Hosmer House CPC application for a Historic Structure and the Cultural Landscape Study. She stated that the consultant also estimated the cost of the collection study would exceed the \$20,000 figure. Mr. Hagger also stated the reason for the meeting was to obtain an additional estimate on the proposed project for the CPC Hosmer House application.

Ms. Costa reported if CAD plans were provided, the cost would be greatly reduced.

Ms. Warren indicated that what was needed was an estimate for a comprehensive historic structure and cultural landscape study.

Sudbury Historical Commission 2022 Annual Report

Mr. Hagger stated the Annual Report was due by the end of January.

Commissioners discussed, and edited the 2022 Annual Report.

Mr. Greene left the meeting at 9:40 PM.

Mr. Hagger motioned that the Sudbury Historical Commission approve the 2022 Historical Commission 2022 Annual Report, as amended. The motion was seconded by Ms. Katz. It was on motion 7-0; Costa-aye, Hagger-aye, Warren-aye, Katz-aye, McGrath-aye, Durall-aye, Cebra-aye.

Ms. Warren reported SudburyTV has applied for CPC funding to digitalize moving image videos. She stated that there is a question about whether or not this project is eligible for CPA funding under the historic resource category because the images are not listed on the State Register of Historic Places. She indicated that in such a case that under the CPA it is the Sudbury Historical Commission that makes the determination. Ms. Costa commented that the CPC forwarded the eligibility issue to Town Counsel.

Research on Slavery in Colonial Sudbury

Mr. Hagger asked if the Commission wanted to provide input regarding this research. Related discussion took place.

FY 24 Budget Submittal/Finance Reports

Ms. Costa reported she had submitted the proposed FY24 budget of \$8,500, which was approved for submission at a previous SHC meeting. Ms. Costa confirmed an increase in the cleaning budget was included.

Mass Historical Commission Certified Local Government Program Application

Mr. Hagger reported the Sudbury Historical Commission received a copy of the letter sent from Mass Historical Commission to the National Parks Service. Commission Members congratulated Mr. Duvall on his work on the project/application.

Historic Preservation Plan

Ms. Warren inquired if the cancelled check for last payment to the HPP consultant had been submitted to the Mass Historical Commission in order to complete this submission requirement for the HPP Completion Report by the deadline? Ms. Perry replied the canceled check had not been submitted to MHC yet but that the Planning Depart was on top of it. -4-

Ms. Warren suggested an announcement be published on the Town Website's front page and SHC page regarding the completion of the Historic Preservation Plan.

Sudbury Historical Society – Revolutionary War Cemetery, including Kiosk

This agenda item was tabled.

Revolutionary War Cemetery Sign

This agenda item was tabled.

Maynard Wheeler Gravestone

This agenda item was tabled.

Historic House Marker Program

This agenda item was tabled.

Date for next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2023.

Adjourn

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

The Sudbury Historical Commission meeting was adjourned at 10:40 PM.