



Town of Sudbury

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MINUTES

October 17, 2023 AT 6:30 PM

VIRTUAL MEETING

Present: Chair Chris Hagger, Vice-Chair Kathryn McGrath, Chris Durall, Jan Costa, Bill Andreas, Marjorie Katz, Michael Wallace

Absent: Diana Warren, Diana Cebra

Others Present: Town Manager Andy Sheehan, Planning & Zoning Coordinator Beth Perry

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

Mr. Durall and Mr. Wallace have been elevated to voting status for tonight's meeting.

Hosmer House including Status update on mold remediation being conducted by the Town.

Present: Town Manager Andy Sheehan

Town Manager Sheehan stated that the remediation work began yesterday.

Mr. Hagger reported the art pieces at the Hosmer house will be removed from the art room by the contractor. Town Manager Sheehan reported the demolition will determine if there are sources of mold behind the walls in the Art Room.

Mr. Andreas stated that Ms. Duran deserves much credit for addressing the problem so quickly.

Town Manager Sheehan reported Alpine Environmental was working on the remediation work and had worked on other projects with Ms. Duran. Town Manager Sheehan confirmed that Alpine Environmental had historic renovation experience.

Ms. McGrath requested some building material from the remediation be sampled to help provide an accurate date on additions constructed at the Hosmer House.

Mr. Duvall inquired if the remediation would involve more than demolition of the Art Room only. Town Manager Sheehan stressed the importance of determining the source/s of the mold, or it could come back.

Public Hearing – 196 North Road under the Sudbury Demolition Delay Bylaw

Present: Nancy Brennan, Owner

Mr. Hagger reported that the Brennans had provided a demolition plan for review by the Commission.

Ms. Brennan confirmed that the septic system tank had been replaced out of necessity.

Ms. Brennen reported the original house would be connected to the proposed addition, via an attachment, used as a pass through.

Commissioners discussed the proposed addition to the historic house.

Mr. Hagger motioned to approve the demolition plan as described in the documents submitted to the SHC for the Public Hearing held on October 17, 2023, in consideration of the historic house at 196 North Road, the plan is deemed not detrimental to Sudbury's Historic or Heritage Resources and the house is not preferably preserved; a building permit may be issued by the Building Inspector. Ms. Costa seconded the motion. It was on motion 7-0; Costa-aye, Durrell-aye, McGrath-aye, Hagger-aye, Wallace-aye, Andreas-aye, Katz-aye.

Public Hearing – 510 Hudson Road under the Sudbury Demolition Delay Bylaw

Present: David MacDonald, Owner

Mr. Hagger detailed that the Building Inspector forwarded the demolition plan for 510 Hudson Road to the SHC on August 4, 2023. He recognized that the Commissioners conducted a site inspection on September 8, 2023.

Mr. MacDonald provided proposed plans for the demolition plan.

Mr. Hagger acknowledged that the shed-roof front porch represented an original feature of the house.

Commissioners discussed the proposed addition.

Mr. Hagger motioned to approve the demolition plan for 510 Hudson Road, as described in the documents submitted to the Commission for the Public Hearing held on October 17, 2023, with the following conditions: retention and installation of original gable windows; replacement of the front porch to maintain the look of the shed-roof line or hip roof; the plan is deemed not detrimental to Sudbury's Historic or Heritage Resources and the house is not preferably preserved and a building permit may be issued by the Building Inspector. Ms. McGrath seconded the motion. It was on motion 7-0; Costa-aye, Durrell-aye, McGrath-aye, Hagger-aye, Wallace-aye, Andreas-aye, Katz-aye

35 Willis Road under the Sudbury Demolition Delay Bylaw

Present: Alexey Savan, Owner

Mr. Savan provided demolition plans, which reflected replacing the existing structure with a 5,000 square foot house, or alternately, splitting the lot into two (2) building lots.

Mr. Hagger stated the two post 1940's additions were not important to the historic nature of the house and could be replaced.

Meeting Minutes including approval of August 15, 2023 SHC Minutes and September 12, 2023 CLG Minutes.

Mr. Hagger motioned to approve the SHC Minutes for August 15, 2023, as amended. The motion was seconded by Ms. Costa. It was on motion 6-0-1; Costa-aye, Durrell-aye, McGrath-aye, Hagger-aye, Wallace-abstain, Andreas-aye, Katz-aye

Mr. Hagger motioned to approve the CLG Minutes for September 12, 2023, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Durrell. It was on motion 6-0-1; Costa-aye, Durrell-aye, McGrath-aye, Hagger-aye, Wallace-abstain, Andreas-aye, Katz-aye

Historic Commission/Historic Districts Commission Joint Meeting Minutes

Ms. McGrath reported she would submit the HC approved minutes to Ms. Perry for distribution to the HDC.

Historical Commission Applications approved by the Community Preservation Commission and Town Meeting

Ms. Costa reported the SHC was required to vote on CPC Applications that apply to the Historic Resources category.

Commissioners discussed the proposal to replace the bridge in Wayside Inn Historic Area.

Invitation to Consult on Mass Central Rail Trail – Interpretive Signage Development

Ms. McGrath provided update regarding the signage that was approved.

Ms. Costa volunteered to work with the Town on signage for the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail.

Mr. Hagger motioned that The Sudbury Historical Commission will work with the Town on the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Signage. Ms. Costa seconded the motion. It was on motion 7-0; Costa-aye, Durrell-aye, McGrath-aye, Hagger-aye, Wallace-aye, Andreas-aye, Katz-aye.

Railroad Section House and Crumbles Train Station (Yellow Train Station near diamond)

Mr. Hagger updated the Commission on the Town's request to acquire the Railroad Section House and the Crumbles Train Station.

Hosmer House Update

Mr. Andreas recommended that an inventory of Hosmer House artwork be completed, before deciding about where to display the paintings from the Art Room.

250th Anniversary of Historic Battles in Lexington & Concord/Signing of Declaration of Independence

Commissioners discussed involvement in planning celebrations for the 250th Anniversary.

Ms. Costa stated the Sudbury Historical Society should be invited to join in with the planning of the 250th Anniversary events. Commissioners agreed.

Mr. Andreas reported the Town's copy of the Declaration of Independence was given to Henry Ford and displayed at the Wayside Inn, where it was stolen the night of the fire in 1955.

Stewardship Working Group Volunteers

Mr. Hagger reported the Town had hired a Planner, who should be involved in the Stewardship Working Group.

Update on Brochure used for Colonial Faire

Ms. McGrath provided updates on the distribution of the brochure.

Historical Commission used for Event Displays.

Mr. Durrell provided updates on his research regarding the Commission acquiring an embroidered tablecloth containing information and graphics about Sudbury.

Commissioners discussed aspects of the proposed tablecloth design/materials.

Historic House Marker Program

Ms. Katz had nothing to report at this time.

Historical Commission Finance Reports and current year Funding needs.

Ms. Costa noted that the Finance Reports were distributed to Commission Members.

Recommended Archeology

Ms. McGrath announced that October is "Massachusetts Archeology Month."

Date for Next Meeting

Mr. Hagger announced the next meeting of the SHC is November 14, 2023.

Adjourn

Mr. Hagger motioned to adjourn the SHC Meeting. Ms. Costa seconded the motion. It was on motion 7-0; Costa-aye, Durrell-aye, McGrath-aye, Hagger-aye, Wallace-aye, Andreas-aye, Katz-aye

There being no further business, the SHC Meeting ended at 9:10 PM