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MINUTES

December 12, 2023 AT 6:30 PM

VIRTUAL MEETING

Present: Chair Chris Hagger, Michael Wallace, Chris Durall, Jan Costa, Bill Andreas, Marjorie Katz

Absent: Kathryn McGrath, Diana Warren, Diane Cebra

Others Present: 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, Mr. Andreas-present, Ms. Costa-present, Mr. Wallace-present

Mr. Hagger confirmed Mr. Durall and Mr. Wallace had been elevated to voting status for tonight's meeting.

92 Goodnow Road under the Sudbury Demolition Delay Bylaw

Present: David Morgan, Architect

Mr. Hagger noted the demolition delay bylaw application was received on 11/1/23 and a site inspection was conducted on 11/16/23.

Mr. Hagger provided background information about the historical property.

Ms. Costa stated the house is listed in MACRIS and is considered a historical structure.

Ms. Costa acknowledged that the site was occupied by Sudbury forefathers, including the Goodnow family and the Brigham family.

Mr. Wallace mentioned that the 18th century structure was a prime example of a historically significant property.

Mr. Andreas noted that the brick exterior wall located on the back of the house, was likely manufactured at the Sudbury Brickyard, which was in operation from 1785 to 1800.

Mr. Morgan stated the proposed rear-addition does not interfere with the rest of the house, and he is taking extra care with the design of the addition.

Mr. Hagger motioned to determine that 92 Goodnow Road is historically significant, and a partial demolition plan review must be completed before the issuance of a demolition permit. Mr. Andreas

seconded the motion. It was on motion 5-0; Andreas-aye, Costa-aye, Hagger-aye, Durall-aye, Wallace-aye

35 Willis Road under the Sudbury Demolition Delay Bylaw

Present: Alexey Savin, Owner

Mr. Savin confirmed he had scheduled a visit to a restored home on King Philip Road to discuss recent renovations to that structure.

Mr. Hagger stated many good architects with preservation experience, have come before the Commission, and Mr. Savin could get those names by reviewing previous Historical Commission meetings. Mr. Hagger hoped that Mr. Savin would provide the Commission with updates.

Approval of October 17, 2023 Historical Commission meeting minutes.

Mr. Hagger motioned to approve the October 17, 2023 Historical Commission meeting minutes, as amended. Ms. Costa seconded the motion. It was on motion 5-0; Andreas-aye, Costa-aye, Hagger-aye, Durall-aye, Wallace-aye

Town-wide Indigenous Cultural Landscape Study Project

Mr. Hagger reported that several inquiries concerning the posted RFP had been received, and related updates would be shared with the Commission.

Mr. Andreas detailed that the Goodnow Library was working on a similar study; he suggested the two projects coordinate efforts.

Hosmer House Historic Structures Report/Cultural Landscape Report/Collections Assessment Report

Ms. Perry confirmed that six responses had been received. Mr. Hagger mentioned next steps involved review of the six proposals.

Historic Resources Inventory Survey Project

Present: Andrew Roblee, President - Roblee Historic Preservation

Mr. Hagger reported that Mr. Roblee had been hired and started work on the Historic Resources Inventory Survey Project.

Mr. Roblee introduced himself, adding that Sudbury has great historic properties, including the Hosmer House as observed on his recent historical inventory tour.

Community Preservation Committee Annual Reports

Ms. Costa stated CPC requires an Annual Report for all applications which are active including historic applications that retain CPC funding (there are five).

Ms. Costa mentioned such Annual Reports are a requirement for the 2004 Revolutionary War Cemetery Survey and Restoration Article and the 2015 Kiosk Article.

Hosmer House including Status update on mold remediation being conducted by the Town, temporary collections storage

Mr. Hagger reported the final air quality report had been issued, and the Hosmer House can now be reopened.

Mr. Andreas explained that the Hosmer House artwork is now stored correctly and would not require immediate attention.

Mr. Hagger reported the Combined Facilities Director Sandra Duran, had received contract approval for a design plan for the Hosmer House Roof.

Kiosk Update

Discussion was deferred to a future meeting.

Stewardship Working Group

Ms. Katz joined the meeting at 7:40 PM.

Ms. Katz reported that a Stewardship Working Group charge statement/responsibilities draft had been written and will be shared with the Commissioners at a future meeting.

Historical Commission 2023 Annual Town Report

Mr. Hagger reported that he and Ms. McGrath would be drafting the Historical Commission 2023 Annual Town Report, and would present such document at the next Historical Commission meeting.

Bruce Freedman Rail Trail Interpretive Panels

Ms. Costa reported that the Bruce Freedman Rail Trail Interpretive Panels would be discussed at the January meeting of the Historical Commission.

Historical Commission Finance Reports and current year Funding Needs

Ms. Costa reported that the budget for fiscal year 2025 would be level funded. Ms. Costa reported the Commission had a budget surplus at the end of the fiscal year which ended June 30, 2023.

Mr. Hagger motioned to approve the budget for \$8,500 for Fiscal Year 2025. Ms. Costa seconded the motion. It was on motion 6-0; Andreas-aye, Costa-aye, Hagger-aye, Durall-aye, Wallace-aye. Katz-aye

Historical Commission Goals Discussion

Mr. Hagger reviewed the Historical Commission discussion regarding goals, which took place at last month's meeting.

Mr. Hagger spoke of sponsoring various types of outreach programs to help educate owners of historic structures.

Mr. Andreas reported that Historic New England had included outreach programming, adding that historic house museums were seeing an increase in attendance and donations. Mr. Andreas stated outreach

programs connected to specific communities, such as inclusion in school curriculums, represents a way of getting people interested in the history of the community.

Ms. Katz stressed the importance of including the Historical Society in whatever outreach program the Commission decides on.

Mr. Wallace mentioned that re-enactments are very popular with families.

Mr. Andreas described that “A Night at a Museum” idea received enthusiastic response from the children and their families.

Mr. Wallace suggested the Commission begin to aggressively advertise for associate Historical Commission members.

Commissioners agreed to help advance the Stewardship Group Mission Statement.

Mr. Hagger stated he would contact Jenn Doherty to see if she would share ideas regarding Education, Outreach and Engagement with the Commission.

Date for next meeting

Mr. Hagger confirmed the next Historical Commission meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2024.

Motion to adjourn.

Mr. Hagger adjourned the meeting at 8:38 PM.