



# Town of Sudbury

## Historical Commission

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### MINUTES

March 19, 2024 AT 6:30 PM

### VIRTUAL MEETING

Present: Chair Chris Hagger, Michael Wallace, Chris Durall, Jan Costa, Bill Andreas, Diana Warren, Diane Cebra

Absent: Margi Katz 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, Ms. Cebra-present, Mr. Wallace-present, Ms. Warren-present

Mr. Hagger announced that Mr. Durrell and Mr. Wallace would be voting members at tonight's meeting.

#### **Public Hearing - 106 Woodside Road under the Sudbury Demolition Delay Bylaw**

Present: Lenny Holt, Owner

Mr. Hagger provided update regarding the demolition application for 106 Woodside Road.

Mr. Holt summarized updates to the plans.

Mr. Hagger inquired about the windows. Mr. Holt replied the windows will be aluminum clad.

Mr. Hagger asked about the existing wooden Italianate-style brackets. Mr. Holt replied that the brackets would not be utilized.

Ms. Warren stated village farmhouses in Massachusetts often had elements of Italianate ornamentation.

Mr. Andreas asked if all the existing windows would be replaced. Mr. Holt replied in the affirmative.

Ms. Costa expressed her preference to maintain the stain glass on the front door.

Resident John Drobinski, 94 Woodside Road, stated he appreciated efforts made by Mr. Holt.

**Mr. Hagger motioned to approve the demolition plan and amendments; with preferences, which are not a requirement, to use wood windows and doors, use of Italianate-style brackets and to retain the front door stained glass, as presented to the Historical Commission on 3/19/24 for 106 Woodside Road, which would not be detrimental to the historical, architectural heritage or resources of the Town of Sudbury and would direct the building inspector to issue a building**

**permit. The motion was seconded by Ms. Costa. It was on motion 7-0; Costa-aye, Warren-aye, Hagger-aye, Andreas-aye, Durall-aye, Cebra-aye, Wallace-aye**

**Public Hearing 25 Plympton Road under the Sudbury Demolition Bylaw**

Present: David Barone, Lee Webster, Owners

Mr. Hagger reported the application was received on 1/26/24. He detailed that the Commission conducted a site inspection, which was completed on 2/9/24; a public hearing held on 2/20/24 determined the house at 25 Plympton Road was historically significant.

Mr. Barone stated the overall goal is to save the current structure from further decay and to restore it to an improved, livable space. He provided details of the scope of work via PowerPoint presentation.

Mr. Hagger inquired about the proposed color of the house. Mr. Barone replied the color would be close to the color that presently exists on the exterior of the house.

Mr. Andreas stated Historic New England might have the diary of the architect to help determine when the house was built.

Ms. Costa inquired if the owner would be making incremental changes to the house, or if all improvements would be made at the same time. Mr. Barone stated the plan reflected coordinating all repairs/renovations in a timely fashion.

Mr. Hagger stated the Building Inspector determined the owner could repair the roof without having to get the permission from the SHC.

Ms. Warren stated this property is architecturally significant and unique in Sudbury, and hoped the owners would consider restoring the circular window over the front façade.

Resident Bob Marshall, 29 Plympton Road, indicated his support for the project.

**Mr. Hagger motioned the SHC approves the demolition plan for 25 Plympton Road, with the following changes agreed to by the applicant: to preserve the balustrades and support beams on the west side of the structure, subject to applicable building codes and if not in compliance of building codes, reproduce balustrades and support beams as close as possible, to retain existing shutter iron works and restore the shutters on the third floor window; which are not detrimental to the historical, architectural heritage or resources of the Town of Sudbury; therefore the building be deemed not preferably preserved and directs the Building Inspector to issue a building permit. Mr. Andreas seconded the motion. It was on motion 7-0; Andreas-aye, Hagger-aye, Costa-aye, Durall-aye, Wallace-aye, Cebra-aye, Warren-aye**

**Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Interpretive Panels**

Present: Martha Rasmussen, Planning Department Assistant

Ms. Rasmussen provided updates on the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail, including the status of the interpretive panels.

Ms. Rasmussen stated the contractor was required to produce the panels per the contract, and the information on the panels is to be provided by the Town.

Ms. Costa detailed the differences in signage along the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail.

Mr. Hagger inquired about signage installation schedule along the BFRT. Ms. Rasmussen explained the contract ends in the Fall of 2024, such information must be submitted to the contractor soon.

Mr. Andreas acknowledged that the graphic artist would decrease the amount of text as shown.

Mr. Wallace favored a north to south mapping style, instead of mapping to be located at the bottom of the sign.

Ms. Warren stated the signage panels should also reflect the history of indigenous culture and that the use of the photo of the Tercentenary Marker was not appropriate.

Resident Katina Fontes, 19 Dorothy Road, indicated her preference to remove the tercentenary marker from the interpretive panel

Resident John Drobinski, 94 Woodside Road, thanked Ms. Rasmussen for her contribution to signage along the BFRT.

#### **Approval of January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Historical Commission Meeting Minutes**

**Mr. Hagger motioned to approve the 1/16/2024 Historical Commission Meeting Minutes, as amended. Ms. Costa seconded the motion. It was on motion 6-0-1; Andreas-aye, Hagger-aye, Durall-aye, Wallace-aye, Cebra-aye, Costa-aye, Warren-abstain**

#### **Demolition Delay Bylaw**

Mr. Wallace outlined the benefits associated with developing a standardized position plan to be posted on the Town Website regarding application standards under section 4 of the Demolition Delay Bylaw. Mr. Wallace provided examples of areas where clarification would be helpful in the decision-making process.

Mr. Hagger stressed the importance of including exterior architectural drawings.

Ms. Costa commented that the current Bylaw needs further clarity.

Mr. Andreas stated that various sized projects should have different submittal requirements.

#### **Hosmer House including CPC Sign, Collections Storage, Rug Cleaning, Open Houses**

Commissioners discussed the CPC sign proposed for display at the Hosmer House.

**Mr. Hagger motioned that the SHC agrees to the installation of the CPC sign in front of Hosmer House. Ms. Costa seconded the motion. It was on motion 5-2; Andreas-aye, Hagger-aye, Durall-no, Wallace-aye, Cebra-aye, Costa-aye, Warren-no**

Ms. Cebra provided details regarding the opening of the Hosmer House on Earth Day.

Ms. Warren suggested the Hosmer House opening on April 20 (Earth Day), may need to be put on hold due to the Collection Study work being done by the project consultant.

Ms. Cebra acknowledged Ms. McGrath's contributions to the Hosmer House and other SHC projects.

**Phase V Historic Resources Inventory Survey Project status update**

Ms. Warren provided updates to the Historic Resources Inventory Survey Project. She confirmed that Task #1 had been completed and Task #2 is due this Friday.

**Hosmer House Historic Structures Report/Cultural Landscape Report status update**

Ms. Warren stated the Town recently signed a contract with Architectural Preservation Studio, of New York City. Ms. Warren detailed the work to be completed.

**Hosmer House Collection Study project status update**

Ms. Warren stated the project Selection Committee met in February and had selected and recommended to the Town Manager that the town sign a contract with Frank and Glory, LLC, from upstate New York to conduct the Study. **Stewardship Working Group Volunteers** Mr. Wallace volunteered to assume the role that Ms. McGrath held on the Working Group.

**Historical Commission Finance Reports and current year funding Needs**

Ms. Costa requested that all invoices/bills be submitted to her by the third week in June, in order to be paid this fiscal year.

Ms. Cebra left the meeting at 10:17 PM.

**Conflict of Interest Annual Training**

Mr. Hagger reminded members to complete the online training.

**Date for next meeting(s)**

Mr. Hagger stated the next meeting of the SHC is April 16, 2024.

**Motion to Adjourn**

**Mr. Hagger motioned to adjourn the SHC meeting of 2/20/24. Mr. Durall seconded the motion. It was on motion 6-0; Andreas-aye, Costa-aye, Hagger-aye, Warren-aye, Durall-aye, Wallace-aye**

There being no further business, the SHC Meeting was adjourned at 10:48 PM.