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MINUTES

May 21, 2024 AT 6:30 PM

VIRTUAL MEETING

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

Absent: Diane Cebra, Diana Warren, Michael Wallace

Others Present: Planning and Community Development Director Adam Burney

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

Mr. Durall was elevated to voting status for tonight's meeting.

Railroad Section House and South Sudbury Train Station

Mr. Hagger reported that the related Warrant Article was passed at the recent Town Meeting. He thanked all the groups who supported the article, in particular Steve Greene of the Historical Society.

Ms. Costa thanked Mr. Hagger for spearheading the effort to pass this article at Town Meeting.

Mr. Hagger stated Town Counsel would be dealing with the MBTA regarding finalization of the purchase, which may take the remainder of the year. Mr. Hagger thanked Kathryn McGrath for her involvement with DCR in developing the signage proposal for the buildings and the Central Mass Rail Trail.

Hosmer House including Open Houses (Memorial Day, May 31th community service day); Volunteers needed, Access for Volunteers, Cleaning

Discussion developed among Commission Members regarding the Hosmer House opening on Memorial Day.

Mr. Hagger explained the keys to the Hosmer House are maintained by the Facilities Department. Mr. Hagger noted there is a mechanism for providing keys to non-commission individuals.

Ms. Katz volunteered to review the Employee Key Request Form, which would be used when a key is given to a non-commission member.

Mr. Andreas reported he had submitted a work order for the repair/replacement of a light on the patio and a broken shutter at the Hosmer House.

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

Mr. Andreas reported the Hosmer House Historic Structure Architectural preservation consultant, Studio, has submitted an invoice for the three-day site visit, which ended on 4/30/24. He noted that Mr. Burney would be scheduling a meeting with the consultant.

Hosmer House Collection Study project status update and approval of cost coverage of archival supplies and cost for additional HH Collection archival supplies

Mr. Durall reported that Erin Richards, the consultant for the Hosmer House Collections Study, performed the inventory of the collections of the Hosmer House starting at the end of April. The steering committee met with the consultant on May 13; the consultant recommended the purchase of additional supplies to store archived items.

Mr. Durall motioned the Commission approve the purchase of additional archival supplies for the Hosmer House Archival Study, up to \$500.00. Mr. Andreas seconded the motion. It was on motion 5-0; Costa-aye, Hagger-aye, Durall-aye, Katz-aye, Andreas-aye

Phase V Historic Resource Inventory Survey Project status update

Mr. Durall reported the survey lead is still waiting for comments from the Mass Historic Commission regarding Task #2, which was submitted in March.

Approval of February 20th 2024 and March 19th 2024, SHC Meeting Minutes

Mr. Hagger motioned to approve SHC Meeting Minutes for 2/20/24, as amended. Ms. Costa seconded the motion. It was on motion 5-0; Costa-aye, Hagger-aye, Durall-aye, Andreas-aye, Katz-aye

Mr. Hagger motioned to approve SHC Meeting Minutes for 3/19/24, as amended. Ms. Costa seconded the motion. It was on motion 4-0-1; Costa-aye, Hagger-aye, Durall-aye, Andreas-aye, Katz-abstain

Historic House Marker Program

Ms. Katz reported that two individuals inquired about the historic marker program.

Ms. Katz confirmed that the sign maker (the primary producer of such signs) has raised his prices for the house markers.

Historic Commission maintenance monitoring of Town historic sites: including cemeteries, Haynes Garrison site, Revolutionary Training Field, and Hearse House

Mr. Andreas recommended a Commission Member drive check on the historic sites on a monthly basis. Mr. Hagger volunteered to monitor the Hearse House. Ms. Costa volunteered to check on the Haynes Garrison site and the Revolutionary Training Field.

Historical Commission monitoring condition of Mass Central Railroad corridor artifacts, due to construction

Related Commission discussion was postponed to the next meeting of the SHC in June.

Nomination vote of C. Hagger for new Historical Commission term

Mr. Burney called for the appointment of C. Hagger to a 3-year term to the SHC starting on 7/1/24. Ms. Costa seconded the motion. It was on motion 5-0; Costa-aye, Katz-aye, Andreas-aye, Durall-aye, Hagger-aye

Nomination vote of D. Warren for new Historical Commission term

Mr. Durall motioned to appoint D. Warren to a 3-year term to the SHC starting on 7/1/24. Ms. Katz seconded the motion. The motion was defeated 4-0-1; Costa-no, Katz-no, Andreas-no, Durall-abstain, Hagger-no

Nomination vote of C. Durall for new Historical Commission term

Mr. Hagger motioned to appoint C. Durall to a 3-year term to the SHC starting on 7/1/24. Ms. Costa seconded the motion. It was on motion 5-0; Costa-aye, Katz-aye, Andreas-aye, Durall-aye, Hagger-aye

Nomination vote of M. Wallace to become a full member of the SHC

Mr. Hagger motioned to elevate M. Wallace to become a full member of the SHC. Ms. Costa seconded the motion. It was on motion 5-0; Costa-aye, Katz-aye, Andreas-aye, Durall-aye, Hagger-aye

Historic Commission Finance Reports and current year Funding needs

Ms. Costa provided summary of the remaining funds available in the Hosmer House Fund and the SHC General Fund.

Commissioners discussed aspects involved with handling expenditures over approved amounts.

Mr. Hagger motioned to approve an additional \$50.00 for the purchased of archival material, as recommended by the Hosmer House archival consultant, in addition to the previously approved amount. Ms. Katz seconded the motion. It was on motion 5-0; Costa-aye, Katz-aye, Andreas-aye, Durall-aye, Hagger-aye

Ms. Costa confirmed all invoices for expenses incurred this fiscal year must be submitted to her by June 20, 2024.

Date for next meeting.

Mr. Hagger confirmed the next SHC meeting was scheduled for June 18, 2024.

Motion to Adjourn

Mr. Hagger motioned to adjourn the 5/21/24 meeting of the Sudbury Historical Commission. Ms. Costa seconded the motion. It was on motion 5-0; Andreas-aye, Hagger-aye, Katz-aye, Durall-aye, Costa-aye

The SHC Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM.