



# Town of Sudbury

## Historical Commission

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### SUDBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

#### MINUTES

TUESDAY JULY 15, 2025

Members: Chair Christopher Hagger, Vice-Chair Michael Wallace, Treasurer Christopher Durall, Jan Costa, Kimberly Burns, Marjorie Katz, Steven Greene and Stephen Greenstein

Others Present: Planning & Zoning Coordinator Beth Perry

Mr. Hagger opened the Historical Commission meeting at 6:30 PM. Roll Call was taken: Hagger-present, Costa-present, Greenstein-present, Burns-present, yes

Greene-present, Katz-present

Ms. Katz and Mr. Greene were elevated to voting status for tonight's meeting.

#### **Eagle Scout Project**

Present: Theo Browne, Eagle Scout

Mr. Browne presented slides of the proposed Haynes-Garrison Cemetery Kiosk. He listed the requirements for the kiosk, which included: the design of the sign, use of polycarbonate laminate to protect the sign, and roofing material.

Ms. Costa stated the current kiosk was designed and built by an Eagle Scout some twenty years ago.

Mr. Greene inquired about reusing the existing post. Mr. Browne commented that the post has weathered to a grey color, but does not have any visible rot. Mr. Hagger stated a new post was needed.

Mr. Hagger stated that since the Haynes-Garrison site is located in the Sudbury Center Historic District, the project needs to be approved by the Historic Districts Commission (HDC).

#### **Hosmer House Painting Restoration**

Present: Judy Roberts, Belchertown, Ma

Ms. Roberts indicated that she wanted to restore one of Florence Hosmer's paintings to honor her parents who were former Sudbury residents.

Mr. Greene explained that art restorer Judy Dion, from Wayland, had given an estimate to restore the painting, "Boy on the Sofa." He noted that the painting was previously worked on in 1995. Mr. Greene suggested that the self-portrait of Florence Hosmer also be restored.

Mr. Greene recommended that Commissioners prioritize the paintings which need to be restored, adding that Ms. Dion charges \$200.00 to evaluate what each painting might need.

#### **Revolutionary War Cemetery Kiosk and signage update**

Ms. Costa stated the new primary kiosk and granite post entry signs were presented to the Sudbury Historic District Commission at their last meeting. She presented photos of the present kiosk, and the proposed kiosk with stylistic changes as proposed by the HDC.

Mr. Hagger inquired if the yes HDC approved the locations for the new signs. Ms. Costa answered in the affirmative.

#### **Maynard Wheeler Gravestone Restoration**

Mr. Greene provided update regarding the three gravestones that were stored in the Hearse House. He explained that the Maynard Wheeler Gravestone was stored in the Hearse House.

Mr. Greene outlined possible options regarding the Maynard Wheeler Gravestone; one being to install it near the building with an interpretive sign, or to mount the stone on a wall in the Hearse House with an interpretive sign.

Mr. Hagger commented that the gravestone should be seen by as many people as possible; therefore, it should be placed in the cemetery.

Ms. Costa added that unused funding in the amount of \$15,000 could be used for restoration of the gravestone. Ms. Costa acknowledged that Elin Neiterman of the Historical Society had drafted a list of all stones needing restoration.

Mr. Greene stated he would get an updated estimate for the repair of the stone.

#### **Phase V Historic Resource Inventory Survey Project status update**

Ms. Costa thanked the Commissioners for reviewing the MACRIS historic properties listed.

Ms. Costa Phase IV provided summary of the Mass Historic Commission requirements for updating the MACRIS listings.

#### **Hosmer House including July 4th Open House, future Open Houses/Holiday Open House, Open House Scheduling**

Mr. Hagger reported that 214 people visited the Hosmer House during the July 4<sup>th</sup> open house. He thanked Ms. Burns and Mr. Greene for their work at the open house; he also recognized Ms. Hines for her work coordinating the volunteers.

Mr. Hagger stated many young families came to the open house.

Mr. Hagger stated the next Hosmer House open house was scheduled for August 17<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Greene provided a history of the Holiday Open House which was held over 2 weekends and included a reception for Town Officials, Docents and volunteers.

Ms. Costa spoke about the various groups who helped develop and decorate the rooms with different themes.

Ms. Burns suggested having a concert at the Hosmer House during the open house. She mentioned that several visitors at the last Hosmer House open house inquired about the melodeon.

Mr. Greenstein questioned whether room decorations could also include Kwanza and Hanukkah themes.

Mr. Hagger stated that Leila Frank of the Select Board office inquired about displaying a Hosmer painting at the Select Board office. Mr. Hagger recommended that the Commission establish a policy on loaning such art work.

### **Hosmer House Archivist Procurement**

Mr. Hagger confirmed that an RFP was needed in order to hire an archivist for the Hosmer House, with the goal being to remove all the artwork from the building before work begins next summer.

### **Historic Training Field**

Mr. Hagger reported he received a photo from a resident showing the overgrowth around the Training Field sign. He reached out to both DPW and Sudbury Conservation Director who offered to coordinate cutting around the sign with the DPW.

### **Historic House Markers**

Ms. Katz stated there were no updates at this time.

### **Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Phase III**

Mr. Hagger stated he received an e-mail from the Cultural Resources Advisor of MassDOT, who confirmed that the archaeological study of the BFRT parking area did not identify any historical artifacts.

### **Approval of May 20, 2025 and June 17, 2025 meeting minutes**

**Mr. Hagger motioned to approve the SHC 5/20/25 meeting minutes, as edited. Mr. Greenstein seconded the motion. It was on motion 5-0-1; Hagger-aye, Greenstein-aye, Burns-aye, Costa-aye, Katz-aye, Greene-abstain.**

Review of the SHC 6/17/25 meeting minutes was postponed to the next SHC meeting.

### **Finance Reports**

Ms. Costa inquired about the “carry forward” amount for the granite posts. Mr. Hagger replied the original contract was sufficient to cover all costs, and the “carry forward” amount from the SHC was not needed.

### **Date for next meeting(s)**

Date of the next meeting is 8/20/25.

**Motion to adjourn.**

**Mr. Hagger motioned to adjourn the meeting of the SHC. Mr. Green seconded the motion. It was on motion 6-0; Hagger-aye, Greenstein-aye, Burns-aye, Costa-aye, Katz-aye, Greene-aye.**

Mr. Hagger adjourned the meeting at 8:49 PM.