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SUDBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

Members Present: Chair Chris Hagger, Vice Chair Michael Wallace, Treasurer Chris Durall, Stephen Greenstein, William Andreas, Steven Greene, Jan Costa, Kim Burns

Members Absent: Marjorie Katz

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, Wallace-present, Andreas-present, Durall-present, Greene-present.

Hosmer House Painting Restoration

Present: Maureen Hines - 49 Stock Farm Road, Sudbury

Mr. Greene stated he had not heard back from Judy Dion, the painting restorer for Hosmer House.

Ms. Hines stated the public expressed strong opinion about the painting, "Boy on the Couch."

Revolutionary War Cemetery Kiosk and Signage update

Ms. Costa stated the public hearing with the Sudbury Historic District Commission was scheduled for 10/2/25, in order to approve of the Revolutionary War Cemetery kiosk and granite post signage. She stated there has been over 35 map iterations and suggested increasing the funds set aside for the designer by \$2,500.

Mr. Hagger inquired if additional scope of work would be considered. Ms. Costa indicated that SHC could justify the need for additional funding.

Commissioners discussed amending the contract with the sign designer.

Hosmer House including Cleaning Contract, Open Houses/Holiday Open House/Open House Scheduling, Restoration Project Schedule, new Open House Signage, SHC table cover, Hosmer House Throws, landscaping needs, Training Manual, artwork loan request, refrigerator move request

Ms. Costa stated there was no provision in the cleaning contract to allow for light cleaning. Mr. Hagger added that he was fine with going forward with the regular cleaning, as specified in the contract. Commissioners agreed to maintain the present contract.

Mr. Hagger inquired about Commissioner coverage at the Hosmer House Open House. Mr. Wallace confirmed that several Commission members have committed for the three upcoming open houses.

Mr. Durall stated he can take care of the on-line advertising for the open houses. Mr. Greene added that he installed the open house sign yesterday. He stated he spent less than \$40.00 for new signage material.

Mr. Hagger detailed that the Combined Facilities Director was planning to develop an RFP for Hosmer House restorations.

Mr. Greene stated there was a request to purchase 30 additional throws at \$34.00 per throw. Ms. Costa stated the Planning and Development credit card could be used to purchase the throws.

Mr. Hagger recognized that the throws must be put in storage while the Hosmer House is under renovation.

Commissioners discussed various locations/sites where the throws could be sold.

Mr. Greene motioned to purchase 30 Sudbury Historic Throws for \$1,150.00 to sell at the Hosmer House, with the funds coming out of the Hosmer House Fund; contingent on the ability to use the Planning and Development credit card for such purchase. Mr. Greenstein seconded the motion. It was on motion 7-0; Hagger-aye, Wallace-aye, Durall-aye, Burns-aye, Andreas-aye, Greenstein-aye, Costa-aye.

Mr. Hagger stated the Hosmer House gardens would be impacted by exterior restoration work, and that landscaping should be addressed after exterior restoration is completed.

Mr. Durall confirmed that he had printed copies of the Training Manual and had taken them to the Hosmer House.

Mr. Hagger stated Lynn MacLean forwarded a painting agreement used by the Historic Commission in the past. Mr. Andreas offered to review and update the agreement, if needed.

Commissioners discussed placement of the refrigerator at the Hosmer House.

Mr. Hagger stated the Thursday Garden Club requested having their December meeting at the Hosmer House. Mr. Greene stated it would not be practical to use Hosmer House for meetings this year. Mr. Hagger stated the Thursday Garden Club requested use of the Hosmer House shed to store the Christmas Decorations for use in the center. Commissioners agreed with the use of the shed for this purpose.

Hosmer House Archivist Procurement

Mr. Durall confirmed the related RFP had been revised to reflect the comments of the Commission at the last meeting.

Mr. Durall noted that the payment schedule needed to be addressed. Mr. Hagger stated there are different payment schedules which could be used; payments at the completion of a phase, progress payments, or payments made at designated time periods.

Commissioners discussed various payment schedules.

Revised Town-wide Indigenous Cultural Landscape Study

Mr. Andreas stated he reviewed comments from professionals in the field, and the unanimous decision was to remove the word “indigenous” from the RFP. He explained that when considering an archeology survey, including the word “indigenous” requires formal meetings with tribes. He also simplified the deliverables to include a map and sensitivity areas.

Mr. Hagger stated the “no excavation” clause could be added. Mr. Andreas highlighted related MA Historical Commission submission requirements.

Granite Markers

Mr. Durall stated he received a reply to his request to paint the various granite markers from a vendor in Lunenburg, MA.

Commissioners discussed pricing of the stone work and the condition of the various stones.

Phase V Historic Resource Inventory Survey update

Ms. Costa confirmed that most of the changes highlighted by the Commissioners had been added to the inventory. She stated that the survey project should be completed by mid-November.

Mr. Hagger inquired about the additional survey work. Ms. Costa replied the King Philip Area Form, and the five granite markers survey would be included in a new contract.

Ms. Costa noted that some of the granite markers are currently listed in MACRIS.

Eagle Scout Project

Mr. Hagger stated that the Eagle Scout project will be included on the 10/2/25 Sudbury Historic District Commission meeting agenda.

Community Preservation Committee Update and CPC closeouts

Ms. Costa stated the first CPC meeting to review grant applications will be on 10/15/25.

Ms. Costa stated the CPC is developing a 2025 community preservation committee plan-. She mentioned the on-going discussion issue related to “sunsetting of grants,” such as the Revolutionary War 2004 Article, which has \$15,038 of unspent funds.

Mr. Hagger commented there remains a need for restoration and cleaning of historic cemetery stones; and asked for a volunteer from the Commission to complete the proposed article before the CPC to take back the associated remaining article funding.

Rail Trails including Artifacts Storage Signage DCR support

It was noted that the SHC had agreed to accept the five boxes of artifacts from DCR. Mr. Hagger stated the only places to store the iron spikes to be protected from the weather, would be the Hosmer House basement or the Hearse House. Ms. Costa suggested storage at the Broadacres riding arena.

Historic Training Field Kiosk

Mr. Greenstein commented that the Training Field is comprised of some three-plus acres of land.

Mr. Andreas inquired if a survey regarding the Historic Field Kiosk was ever completed. Ms. Costa replied she would check her records.

RR Section House & So. Sudbury Train Station

Mr. Hagger stated Town Counsel had received a draft lease from the MBTA and Counsel would be submitting his lease corrections to the MBTA. Mr. Hagger stated that once the lease is signed, the Commission can address pairs and maintenance, or send the lease back without signing it.

Discussion among commissioners took place regarding which action plan to take.

House Markers

Mr. Hagger stated the owners of 36 Concord Road had requested a replacement house marker.

Approval of August 19th Meeting Minutes

Mr. Hagger motioned to approve the SHC meeting minutes for 8/19/25, as edited. Mr. Wallace seconded the motion. It was on motion 6-0-1; Hagger-aye, Greenstein-aye, Burns-aye, Costa-abstain, Katz-aye, Andreas-aye, Wallace-aye.

Finance Reports

Mr. Durall stated \$1,042.00 was carried forward to reflect the last cleaning of the Hosmer House in June.

Agenda timelines

Mr. Greenstein recommended that the Commission adhere to agenda timelines. Commissioners discussed the topic.

HC Contact List

Mr. Hagger asked Commissioners about information they might include on a contact list for use by the SHC.

Date for next meeting(s)

Date of the next meeting is 10/21/25.

Motion to adjourn.

Mr. Hagger motioned to adjourn the SHC meeting. Mr. Durall seconded the motion. It was on motion 7-0; Hagger-aye, Greenstein-aye, Burns-aye, Costa-aye, Andreas-aye, Wallace-aye, Durall-aye.

Adjourn

Mr. Hagger adjourned the meeting at 9:28 PM.