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SUDBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MINUTES

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2025

Members: Chair Chris Hagger, Vice-Chair Michael Wallace, Treasurer Chris Durall, Stephen Greenstein, Kim Burns, William Andreas, Margi Katz, Steven Greene

Others Present: Planning & Zoning Coordinator Beth Perry

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

Ms. Katz was elevated to voting status for tonight's meeting.

Hosmer House Painting Restoration

Present: Judy Roberts, Belchertown Ma

Mr. Greene stated that Ms. Roberts identified several Hosmer House paintings to be restored or framed. He noted the need to create a priority list of paintings to restore. Mr. Hagger commented there was a need to complete a survey of all such Hosmer House paintings with regards to restoration/framing.

Ms. Roberts offered her services to help advance the restoration/framing effort.

Mr. Greene stated the evaluation by the consultant reflects a three-step process, and the fee for evaluation is waived when a painting is restored.

Mr. Hagger motioned to authorize a SHC member to take up to eight (8) paintings presently being stored at the Hosmer House Ballroom to a painting restorer in Wayland for the purpose of estimating the cost of restoration. Mr. Durall seconded the motion. It was on motion 7-0; Wallace-aye, Hagger-aye, Greenstein-aye, Andreas-aye, Katz-aye, Durall-aye, Burns-aye.

Hosmer House including Open Houses/Holiday Open House/Open House Scheduling

Mr. Wallace stated there were 12 visitors at the last open house, some of whom were first time visitors.

Mr. Hagger noted the Town is considering moving the holiday celebrations to the Fairbanks Center.

Mr. Greene noted that in consideration of time restraints, there should be minimal decorations for the Hosmer House holiday open house.

Hosmer House docent Maureen Hines, 49 Stock Farm Road, explained that the timeline for such decorating is brief.

Mr. Hagger stated the consensus among Commission Members was to open the Hosmer House on December 6 & 7 from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Ms. Katz stated the theme for the open house should be discussed and agreed upon by all Sudbury Historical Commission members.

Mr. Hagger stated peace is the overall theme for this year's holiday open house, and that Mr. Wallace and Ms. Burns would coordinate the event.

Mr. Hagger inquires if any Commissioners have signed up for the open houses. Mr. Wallace replied in the affirmative.

Restoration Project Schedule, need for new Open House Signage, Historical Commission table cover, artwork loan request

Mr. Hagger reported that Sandra Duran, Sudbury Combined Facilities Director, indicated that an RFP advertisement for the exterior design phase and bidding will take place in the Fall, with construction to begin next summer or fall.

Mr. Durall stated the open-house signs are not in good shape and need to be replaced.

Mr. Hagger stated Gemini Signs of Marlboro has design information.

Mr. Hagger stated the Collections Study Report recommended SHC develop a lending policy before lending any paintings from the Hosmer House Collection. Planning Director Adam Burney agreed with such a plan.

Mr. Andreas stated if the Commission decides to loan a painting to another Town department, it would not be necessary to wait for such a policy/plan to be instituted.

Ms. Hines suggested displaying a painting at the Senior Center.

Mr. Durall stated there are a large number of paintings not being displayed and the Commission needs to develop a policy to rotate these pieces of art.

Hosmer House Archivist Procurement

Mr. Durall stated we have a draft proposal written and ready for final review.

Ms. Katz recommended that the RFQ be simplified in order to encourage archivists to bid on the request.

Ms. Burns stated a template was used, which could be changed to make the request more inviting.

Mr. Hagger recommended the RFQ be readied for a December release.

Revolutionary War Cemetery Kiosk and signage update

Ms. Katz stated that SHDC suggestions were submitted to the designer and simplified the design of the new kiosk sign.

Ms. Katz noted that the granite post sign should be located in close proximity to the existing sign.

Maynard Wheeler Gravestone Restoration

Mr. Greene confirmed there were no updates at this time.

Phase V Historic Resource Inventory Survey Update including 246 Concord Road Draft Inventory

Mr. Hagger stated the inventory consultant was finishing the review of comments provided by the Commission. He reported the consultant had discovered the core of the building was built in 1906 and demolition is being considered by SHDC.

Mr. Andreas inquired if the project would come before the SHC. Mr. Hagger replied not, as the building is located in the Sudbury Historic District.

Community Preservation Committee

Mr. Hagger reported all applications are due to CPC by September 21, 2025.

Rail Trail Artifact Restoration

Present: Wayland Historical Commission Member and Rail Trail historian Richard Conard, 25 Rich Valley Road, Wayland

Mr. Conard stated the use of the electric cabinet was discontinued when the last passenger trains operated and was sandblasted so the vinyl covering could be installed.

Mr. Hagger reported there are many identified Mass Central Rail Trail artifacts near Horse Pond Road which need restoration and are eligible for CPC funding.

Mr. Hagger stated the DCR is looking to work with SHC for the restoration of 18 small signs, which will include the history of the Mass Central Rail Trail.

Mr. Wallace volunteered to work with DCR.

Mr. Hagger motioned the SHC accept the donation of historical artifacts which consists of railroad spikes, plates, and a single pole telegraph switching box associated with the Mass Central Rail Trail, from DCR. Ms. Burns seconded the motion. It was on motion 7-0; Wallace-aye, Hagger-aye, Greenstein-aye, Andreas-aye, Katz-aye, Durall-aye, Burns-aye.

RR Section House & S. Sudbury Train Station

Mr. Hagger reported Town Counsel and the MBTA are negotiating a lease for the RR Section House and S. Sudbury Train Station.

Mr. Greene inquired if the buildings would come under the purview of the SHC. Mr. Hagger reported in the affirmative.

Historic Training Field

Mr. Hagger reported the roof of the kiosk is in poor repair.

Mr. Andreas commented that additional information about the Training Field is located at the Sudbury Historic Society site.

Mr. Hagger confirmed that the Training Field is one of the oldest historical sites in Sudbury.

House Markers

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

Approval of June 17th and July 15th, Historical Commission Meeting Minutes

Mr. Hagger motioned to approve the SHC meeting minutes for 7/15/25, as edited. Mr. Durall seconded the motion. It was on motion 7-0; Hagger-aye, Greenstein-aye, Burns-aye, Durall-aye, Katz-aye, Wallace-aye, Andreas-aye.

Mr. Hagger motioned to approve the SHC meeting minutes for 6/17/25, as edited. Mr. Durall seconded the motion. It was on motion 7-0; Hagger-aye, Greenstein-aye, Burns-aye, Durall-aye, Katz-aye, Wallace-aye, Andreas-aye.

Finance Reports

Mr. Durall mentioned that he would distribute June reports as soon as possible.

Date for next meeting(s)

Date of the next meeting is 9/16/25.

Ms. Burns asked if the Hosmer House could be cleaned again.

Mr. Hagger motioned to schedule a light cleaning of the Hosmer House and Ms. Burns will schedule it with the cleaners within the next month. Mr. Durall seconded the motion. It was on motion 7-0; Hagger-aye, Greenstein-aye, Burns-aye, Durall-aye, Katz-aye, Wallace-aye, Andreas-aye.

Motion to adjourn.

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

Adjourn

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