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SUDSBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2025

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

Members Absent: Marjorie Katz, Michael Wallace

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, Andreas-present, Durall-present, Greene-present, Greenstein-present.

Mr. Hagger elevated Mr. Greene to voting status for tonight's meeting

5 Lake Shore Drive under the Sudbury Demolition Delay Bylaw

Present: Phillip Burke, Owner - 5 Lake Shore Drive

Mr. Hagger provided summary of the project; Mr. Greenstein, Mr. Andreas and Mr. Durall agreed to join Mr. Hagger on a site visit to the property on 1/19/25 at 1:00 PM.

Ms. Burns joined the meeting at 6:40 PM.

Hosmer House Restoration Project

Present: Sandra Duran, Sudbury Combined Facilities Director

Mr. Hagger thanked Ms. Duran for her quick action in spreading sand on the front walkway at the Hosmer House prior to the open house held on 12/6/25.

Ms. Duran reported that 29 interested parties have requested information on the RFQ package regarding the exterior renovation and HVAC work at the Hosmer House. She noted that many of these individuals have historic renovation experience. She reviewed the requirements associated with the position.

Ms. Duran reported that the hope is to award the contract by 1/31/26.

Mr. Hagger inquired about the protection of the Hosmer House collections. Ms. Duran responded that collections/items remaining in the Hosmer House during construction, must be packaged and sealed.

Sherman's Bridge Reconstruction Project

Present: Tina Rivard, Sudbury DPW Director

Ms. Rivard presented a slide show highlighting plans for the reconstruction of Sherman's Bridge.

Mr. Andreas inquired about the material to be used on the bridge. Ms. Rivard indicated that a list of available materials is being prepared.

Mr. Hagger inquired if the steel backed guardrail would be retained. Ms. Rivard replied in the affirmative.

Mr. Hagger asked about the proposed kiosk. Ms. Rivard replied a kiosk similar to the one on the rail trail would be installed.

Ms. Costa inquired about the scheduled start and end date for the construction project. Ms. Rivard replied that the project would take place during the summer months in order to limit the impact on the schools.

Kay Westcott, 5 Richard Road, Wayland and member of Wayland Historical Commission, asked if the glue used on the glulam wood be affected by water. Mr. Andreas replied in the negative.

Ms. Westcott asked if the guardrails would block access to the river. Ms. Rivard replied that she would check with the design team and report back to the commission regarding such access.

Ms. Westcott suggested the Wayland Historic Commission and Sudbury Historic Commission meet in joint session to discuss the Sherman's Bridge Project as it relates to the historical kiosk/signage to be installed.

Resident Elissa Carter, 19 Sherman's Bridge Road, Wayland indicated her concern regarding the differences in color between the glulam and regular wood, which would weather at different rates.

Resident Henry White, 56 Lincoln Road, Sudbury stated protecting the surface of the glulam will help to increase the longevity of the bridge.

Resident Piyali Talukdar, 46 Sherman's Bridge Road, Wayland reported that there is an agreement in place with Wayland bridge abutters regarding weight limits. Ms. Rivard commented that weight-related aspects have been addressed in previous meetings.

Resident Shelia Corbett, 72 Sherman's Bridge Road, Wayland questioned if the foundation of the bridge is being replaced. Ms. Rivard replied the substructure was not being replaced at this time.

Ms. Westcott asked if the bridge should become a single structure historic district. Mr. Andreas replied such implementation reflects a lengthy process.

Mr. Hagger summarized several project-related questions/requests, such as: submitting architectural renderings/drawings, providing information on coloration changes due to time/weathering of glulam and other various wood materials being used, location of a plaque or kiosk, adjusting the guard rail on the north side of the bridge using 3 rails instead of the 4 rails proposed, reducing the large 14 " gap at the bottom of the south side railing, using a wood wearing surface atop the glulam decking sections, boxing the metal rails with wood, and consideration of using steel-backed timber rails for the transition railing area on the south side.

Hosmer House including Open Houses/Holiday Open House/Open House Scheduling and Advertising, Decorators, Restoration Project Schedule, new Open House Signage, SHC table cover, My Girl Book Purchase, Hosmer House Throws, artwork loan request, House phone

Mr. Hagger thanked the Commissioners for their support at the open houses and thanked Ms. Burns for staffing the booth at the Holiday Village Market Place.

Mr. Andreas reported attendance at the Hosmer House totaled 50 people on Saturday and 120 people on Sunday. Several visitors to the Hosmer House noted that they brought their families to the Hosmer House after reading a letter written by Ms. Burns and published in the Sudbury News.

Ms. Burns thanked Mr. Greene for putting together the supplies and display for the Holliday Market Place Village.

Mr. Durall thanked the docents for their work at the open house events.

Commissioners discussed the impressive attendance at the open house events held at the Hosmer House.

Mr. Hagger reported a docent suggested placing a life-sized cutout of Florence Hosmer by the back door. Mr. Greene stated there are least 8 self-portraits of Florence on display in the house.

Mr. Durall reported a total of \$272.00 from sales from the Hosmer House store over the weekend.

Commissioners discussed an Open House schedule for 2026.

Mr. Greene motioned to hold open house events at the Hosmer House on 1/16/26, 2/15/26 and 3/15/26, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Mr. Greenstein seconded the motion. It was on motion 6-0; Greene-aye, Hagger-aye, Costa-aye, Burns-aye, Greenstein-aye, Durall-aye.

Commission discussed the following dates as potential Hosmer Open House dates: 4/12/26, 5/16/26, 5/25/26, 6/21/26, 7/4/26, 8/16/26, 9/20/26, 10/18/26, all to be held from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

Revolutionary War Cemetery Kiosk and signage update

Ms. Costa reported all of the Historic Districts Commission's Certificate of Appropriateness conditions on the new kiosk panel and frame have been agreed upon. She added that the fabrication of the kiosk frame and sign will begin shortly. She stated the estimated installation timeframe will be on or around 5/16/26, dependent in part on DPW's availability and recommendations.

Revised Town-wide Indigenous Cultural Landscape Study

Mr. Hagger commented that Adam Burney, Director of Planning and Community Development, would be reviewing the RFP before the holidays.

Historic Training Field Kiosk and Hearse House

Mr. Hagger reported that Ms. Duran will be submitting pictures of the repairs on the roofs of the Hearse House and the Training Field Kiosk.

Phase V Survey Historic Resource Inventory Update

Ms. Costa reported that the project was completed, except for the copying of the final reports.

Ms. Costa stated Phase 5 includes updating the King Philip Area form, including a National Register eligibility application; Sherman's Bridge; and 4 granite markers. The agreement for this work is currently in process for signatures.

Mr. Hagger stated an expanded inventory of the South Sudbury Train Station might be a good substitution for one of the granite markers. Mr. Andreas commented the site and previous buildings are of interest, instead of the present building which is post 1940.

Mr. Hagger suggested adding SHC funds to the CPC money to include 4 granite markers and South Sudbury Train Station to the inventory.

Mr. Hagger motioned to approve the expenditure of up to \$700.00 from the SHC general fund to contract with Andy Roblee for a complete inventory of the South Sudbury Train Station setting. Mr. Greene seconded the motion. It was on motion 6-0; Greene-aye, Hagger-aye, Costa-aye, Burns-aye, Greenstein-yes, Durall-aye.

Mr. Hagger inquired the status of posting the historic inventory on the town's GIS system.

Additional areas of support needed by SHC

Mr. Hagger asked for Commissioners ideas regarding additional support for the Planning and Development Department. Ideas include: Publicity writeup and materials for the Hosmer House, Grant writing support, and additional support for the writing of the RFQ and RFP.

Historical Commission Documents at Sudbury Library

Mr. Hagger reported that the library has assembled all of the reports which have been published by the SHC and access is limited to people in the library.

Mr. Andreas suggested placing information on the SHC website that the reports are available in hard copy at the library.

Consideration of Annual Preservation Award/Recognition

Mr. Hagger stated one of the Historic Preservation Plan's short-term objectives is to recognize persons/groups on their preservation efforts in the Town of Sudbury.

Mr. Greene suggested combining efforts with the Sudbury Historic Society.

Rail Trails Signage DCR support

No updates at this time

RR Section House & So. Sudbury Train Station

Mr. Hagger reported that Town Counsel is still waiting to hear back from the MBTA on changes he proposed to the license agreement.

Relevant topics being discussed by other Town entities

Ms. Burns stated a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission indicated their desire to team up with a member of the SHC on signage of the history of their Park and Recreation fields.

Meeting Minutes approval of November 18th, 2025 Minutes

Mr. Hagger motioned to approve the SHC meeting minutes for 11/18/25, as edited. Ms. Costa seconded the motion. It was on motion 6-0; Hagger-aye, Greenstein-aye, Burns-aye, Durall-aye, Andreas-aye, Greene-aye.

SHC Finance Reports

Ms. Durall reported that there is still \$6,300 remaining in the general fund.

Ms. Costa inquired if the budget had been approved.

Date for next meeting(s) including 2026

Mr. Hagger presented a proposed schedule of meeting dates for 2026.

Commissioners discussed proposed meeting dates around February and April meeting dates.

Commission members agreed an amended schedule.

Motion to adjourn.

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

Adjourn

Mr. Hagger adjourned the meeting at 9:58 PM.