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SUDSBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2025

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

Mr. Hagger elevated Ms. Katz to a voting member for tonight's meeting

Eagle Scout Project

Present: Eagle Scout Theo Bowne, 16 Rice Road

Mr. Bowne reported he had met with the Sudbury Historic Districts Commission and the Eagle Scout Board. He confirmed he had begun work on the related plan, with the project being broken into two phases; the research phase this winter and the construction phase to be completed in the spring.

Mr. Greenstein arrived to the meeting at 6:40 PM.

Sherman's Bridge Reconstruction Project

Mr. Hagger reported that the Commission had not received the design plan, nor a listing of material to be used for bridge reconstruction. He confirmed the SHC was responsible for reviewing the design of the bridge, as well as reviewing the signage to be placed at the bridge.

Mr. Hagger provided a brief history of the bridge.

Commissioners addressed the historic significance of the bridge.

Resident Elissa Carter, 19 Sherman's Bridge Road, Wayland; reported the Town Managers of Wayland and Sudbury had signed an agreement to replace the bridge, which includes guard rails.

Resident Karen Paradise, 46 Lincoln Lane, Sudbury; recognized the great efforts to save the bridge in 1991.

Mr. Hagger replied the Town Managers of Sudbury and Wayland, along with the heads of the DPW are involved in this project. He commented that the project is awaiting permitting from the Conservation Commission.

Resident Doug Stotz, 39 Sherman's Bridge Road, Wayland; stated the Department of the Public Works (DPW) reports to the Town Manager.

Ms. Katz commented that any concerns about the bridge replacement plans need to be addressed.

Mr. Hagger motioned the SHC has determined unanimously, the historic significance of Sherman's Bridge and surrounding landscape; strongly recommends any rebuilding of the bridge be done in a manner consistent with its historical significance. Ms. Costa seconded the motion. It was on motion 7-0; Hagger-aye, Wallace -aye, Durall-aye, Greenstein-aye, Costa-aye, Burns-aye, Andreas-aye.

Mr. Wallace left the meeting at 7:30 PM.

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 Maureen Hines and the docents for their work at the recent Hosmer House open house.

Mr. Greene motioned to hold an additional Hosmer House open house on 12/13/25. Ms. Burns seconded the motion. It was on motion 7-0; Hagger-aye, Katz-aye, Durall-aye, Greenstein-aye, Costa-aye, Burns-aye, Andreas-aye.

Commissioners discussed advertising for open house events.

Mr. Greene noted the Commission had been offered a table at the Holiday Village being held at the Senior Center. Ms. Burns offered to staff the table.

Mr. Greene reported that three groups have decorated a room with an additional group, the Girl Scouts, also decorating a room.

Mr. Hagger commented that Facilities Director Sandra Duran was finalizing the RFP for the exterior of the Hosmer House, with the hopes of starting construction by October 26, 2026.

Mr. Greene reported that the book My Dear Girl about Florence Hosmer is out of print.

Mr. Hagger reported the new throws had arrived.

Commissioners acknowledged the need for a phone at the Hosmer House.

Hosmer House Painting Restoration

Mr. Greene commented that "Boy on the Sofa" painting has been selected for restoration, and the Commission was seeking additional restorers.

Hosmer House Archivist Procurement

Mr. Durall stated the Archivist RFP has been published and he expects to start receiving responses by the end of December.

108 Dakin Road under the Sudbury Demolition Delay Bylaw.

Mr. Hagger stated the house was constructed in 1910 with a garage built after 1941 and before 1957. Mr. Hagger commented the garage does not fall under the demo delay guidelines.

Mr. Hagger motioned to accept the Assessor's determination that the garage was built after 1941 and does not fall under the Sudbury Demo Delay Bylaw. Ms. Costa seconded the motion. It was on motion 7-0; Hagger-aye, Katz-aye, Durall-aye, Greenstein-aye, Costa-aye, Burns-aye, Andreas-aye.

Revolutionary War Cemetery Kiosk and signage update

Ms. Costa reported that a Certificate of Appropriateness had been received from The Sudbury Historic District Commission with conditions.

Offer for donation related to historic signage

Mr. Greene reported that a citizen expressed interest in donating to upgrade historic signage in Town. Commissioners discussed various Sudbury historic sites needing signage.

Revised Town-wide Indigenous Cultural Landscape Study

Mr. Hagger commented that the Director of Planning and Community Development Adam Burney, will review the RFP before releasing it.

Granite Markers

Mr. Durall stated there were no related updates at this time

Historic Training Field Kiosk

Mr. Hagger reported that Ms. Duran has signed a contract with a roofer to fix the roofs at the Hearse House and the Training Field Kiosk.

Maynard Wheeler Stone Restoration and Newtown Cemetery Stone

The Commissioners reviewed the proposal to restore Maynard Wheeler Stone Restoration.

Mr. Greene reported that the SHDC views this project as a repair; therefore, no approval is required.

Ms. Costa reported stressed the importance of updating and resubmitting the associated 2004/amended 2013 CPC grants annual report to state that the headstone's restoration plan and timetable.

Mr. Hagger reported that Mr. Luna of the cemetery division has uncovered two broken headstones.

Commissioners discussed how to proceed with the stones. The Commission decided to move the stones to the Hearse House.

Mr. Hagger reported that he was given fragments of historic head stones. Ms. Burns offered to investigate developing a program to restore historic head stones.

Phase V Survey Historic Resource Inventory Update

Ms. Costa reported a second review had been completed and the consultant has the document ready for submission to Massachusetts Historical Commission.

Commissioners considered the number of copies needed for various reports, and who would be responsible to assume the cost.

Invitation to help plan Sudbury 250th on 5/16/26

Mr. Hagger inquired if the celebration for new signage at the Revolutionary War Cemetery could be held on May 16, 2026, which is the day of Sudbury's 250th Anniversary celebration. Ms. Costa replied in the affirmative.

Mr. Greene stated that he would like to open the big doors on the Hearse House along with the Town Pound; he offered to act as an interpreter for the event.

Mr. Andreas recommended the Hosmer House not be opened for the celebration.

Discussion developed on the merits for opening the Hosmer House. Commissioners acknowledged the benefits associated with the Hosmer House being open on this date.

Rail Trails Signage DCR support

Ms. Costa provided summary of the meeting with DCR and consultants.

Additional areas of support needed by the SHC

Mr. Hagger asked Commission members to perhaps suggest areas of additional support from the Planning and Development office. Mr. Durall inquired if the new hire might have grant writing responsibilities.

RR Section House & So. Sudbury Train Station

Mr. Hagger reported the moss had been removed from the Section House and that the solar lights had been installed at the S. Sudbury Train Station. He noted that Town Counsel confirmed that the Town's umbrella insurance coverage would be extended to include the RR Section House & the S. Sudbury Train Station.

Relevant topics being discussed by other Town entities

Mr. Hagger reported the Commission needed to be aware of what is being discussed by other Town Boards, which affects the SHC.

Ms. Costa experienced technical difficulties and made repeated attempts to rejoin the meeting.

Approval of October 21, 2025 SHC Meeting Minutes

Mr. Hagger motioned to approve the SHC meeting minutes for 10/21/25, as edited. Mr. Greenstein seconded the motion. It was on motion 7-0; Hagger-aye, Greenstein-aye, Burns-aye, Durall-aye, Katz-aye, Andreas-aye, Greene-aye.

Finance Reports

Mr. Durall confirmed a balance of \$5, 777.00 in the General Fund and a balance of \$18, 971.00 in the Hosmer Fund Account.

Mr. Durall presented a proposed budget for FY 2027.

Mr. Hagger suggested various items be included in the FY 2027 budget.

Commissioners discussed various budget items.

Mr. Hagger motioned the SHC approve the proposed FY 2027 budget of \$12,197.00, as discussed.

Mr. Durall seconded the motion. It was on motion 7-0; Hagger-aye, Greenstein-aye, Burns-aye, Durall-aye, Katz-aye, Andreas-aye, Greene-aye.

Remembering Past SHC member

Mr. Hagger reported that former SHC member, Jim Hutter, had passed away.

Date for next meeting(s)

Date of the next meeting - 12/9/25.

Motion to adjourn.

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

Adjourn

Mr. Hagger adjourned the meeting at 9:47 PM.