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SUDSBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 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, Greenstein-present, Burns-present, Wallace-present, Andreas-present, Durall-present, Greene-present.

Sherman's Bridge Reconstruction Project

Present: Tina Rivard, Sudbury DPW Director; Kay Westcott, Chair of Wayland Historical Commission; Gretchen Schuler, historic preservationist - 126 Old Connecticut Path, Wayland

Mr. Hagger stated the original bridge was built in the 1700's.

Ms. Rivard stated approximately 50 residents of Sudbury and Wayland attended a Visionary Workshop concerning the bridge, where plans were shared with the attendees. She stated plans are being updated to accommodate the suggestions made at the Visionary Workshop, which will be shared with both Sudbury and Wayland Historical Commissions.

Mr. Andreas suggested DPW look at the recent reconstruction of the Wayside Inn Bridge when formulating recommendations for reconstruction of Sherman's Bridge.

Ms. Costa confirmed Sherman's Bridge is listed in MACRIS.

Ms. Rivard presented related MassDOT project timeline recommendations.

Ms. Westcott stated in 1987 over 200 people signed a grassroots drive to save the bridge; by 1990, Sudbury joined Wayland to save the bridge. She commented that promises made in 1992 concerning the repairs/reconstruction of the bridge, and those plans were not executed.

Ms. Schuler acknowledged that when Sudbury participated in the Heritage Landscape Program, they picked this landscape to preserve as a historic and cultural resource.

Granite Markers

Mr. Hagger reported the granite marker located at the intersection of Union Avenue and Concord Road was damaged when a vehicle hit the marker.

Ms. Rivard confirmed the damaged granite marker was now housed in the DPW garage. She described the process of restoring the existing marker.

Revolutionary War Cemetery Kiosk and signage update

Ms. Costa noted that Ms. Katz procured a signed purchase order with the sign fabricator, Fossil Graphics.

Ms. Costa stated DPW will receive the finished stanchion from the fabricator and hold it until the final installation of signage.

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

Mr. Hagger stated that Combined Facilities Director Sandra Duran, is drafting the Hosmer House Restoration RFP, and is seeking two Commission Members to review the proposal before it is published. Mr. Hagger and Ms. Katz offered to review the proposal.

Ms. Burns stated the Hosmer House cleaning is scheduled for November 13, 2025.

Mr. Hagger reviewed Commissioner coverage for the upcoming open house events at the Hosmer House.

Mr. Wallace left the meeting at 7:35 PM.

Mr. Greene explained an e-mail from Ms. Diana Cebra was received, concerning the preparations of the Hosmer House for upcoming Holiday Open House events.

Mr. Hagger elevated Mr. Greene to voting status.

Mr. Hagger motioned to approve the purchase of window candles for the Hosmer House, with the cost not to exceed \$500.00. Mr. Durall seconded the motion. It was on motion 7-0; Hagger-aye, Greene -aye, Durall-aye, Greenstein-aye, Costa--aye, Burns-aye, Andreas-aye.

Mr. Greene stated The Thursday Garden Club will donate and deliver all of the wreaths and bows on the last Thursday of November.

Mr. Hagger confirmed that Ms. Hines would be resigning as dosen coordinator, effective January 2026; she will retain a role as dosen. Commissioners thanked Ms. Hines for her efforts.

Mr. Greene volunteered to write an announcement for the Hosmer House Holiday Open House, to be included in "Sudbrief," which provides updates on events and programs in Sudbury.

Discussion among Commissioners took place concerning Hosmer House throws.

Mr. Durall confirmed he had received the approval of the Town Clerk to use the Sudbury Seal on the SHC table cover for Town-sponsored events.

Hosmer House Painting Restoration

Mr. Greene reported that three paintings had been selected for display at Hosmer House for the Holiday open house.

Revolutionary War Cemetery Kiosk and signage update including Wayside Inn Chapter DAR signage

Mr. Hagger reported he received a request from the Wayside Inn Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the Revolution to place a commemorative marker at the Revolutionary War Cemetery; he invited the DAR group to attend a future meeting of the SHC.

Ms. Costa stated she would check to determine if there is a policy for private groups placing such markers.

Hosmer House Archivist Procurement

Mr. Durall stated he would prepare a listing of various organizations who perform this work, and would send the RFP to Adam.

Revised Town-wide Indigenous Cultural Landscape Study

Mr. Andreas commented that he would forward a proposed request to Adam Burney, Director of Planning and Community Development, for review.

Granite Markers

Mr. Durall suggested developing a priority list of markers which are in need of restoration.

Commissioners discussed the pricing of the stonework and the existing condition of the various stones.

Historic Training Field Kiosk

Mr. Greene reported that he disassembled the kiosk display and painted its background and added a picture of the 1900 Taylor House, which was located across from the gate.

Mr. Hagger reported that Ms. Duran had received a proposal to fix the roofs of the Hearse House and the Training Field Kiosk.

Maynard Wheeler Stone Restoration

Mr. Greene reported that the restorer has asked for a copy of the bid with related specifications.

Phase V Historic Resource Inventory Survey Project status update

Ms. Costa confirmed she was working with the preservation consultant on the report summary.

Ms. Costa detailed that \$5,000 remained in an approved 2015 Town Meeting article dedicated to old home surveys.

Community Preservation Committee Update

Ms. Costa reported all annual SHC reports were submitted to CPC. She commented that there were no SHC historic applications submitted to the CPC this year.

Ms. Costa explained the CPC has interest in recalling unspent funds previously earmarked for various grants.

Mr. Hagger reported that Ms. Duran stated that the Railroad Section House needed a new roof.

Rail Trails including Artifacts Storage/ Signage DCR support

Mr. Hagger reported that Mr. Wallace met with the DCR consultants and accepted the five boxes of artifacts which are now being stored at the Hearse House.

RR Section House & So. Sudbury Train Station

Mr. Hagger commented that the MBTA reached out to Town Counsel, and Town Counsel has submitted a draft of allowable uses of the RR Section House and So. Sudbury Train Station.

Commissioners discussed such allowable usages, and maps of land to be included in the lease.

Mr. Hagger motioned to approve the proposed scope of allowable usage to be included in the license from the MBTA. Ms. Costa seconded the motion. It was on motion 7-0; Hagger-aye, Greene-aye, Durall-aye, Greenstein-aye, Costa--aye, Burns-aye, Andreas-aye.

Historic House Markers

Ms. Katz reported that one house marker for 36 Concord Road had been presented to the owner of the house.

Approval of September 16, 2025 SHC Meeting Minutes

Mr. Hagger motioned to approve the SHC meeting minutes for 9/16/25, as edited. Mr. Greene seconded the motion. It was on motion 7-0; Hagger-aye, Greenstein-aye, Burns-aye, Andreas-aye, Costa-abstain, Katz-aye, Andreas-aye, Greene-aye.

Finance Reports

Mr. Hagger commented that the SHC was uncertain about an e-mail from the Town Finance Director, as to whether the Commission should develop a budget for approval.

Ms. Costa noted there were legitimate expenses that the general fund supports, including the food for public events and Police detail.

Commissioners discussed various aspects of the proposed budget.

Ms. Burns inquired about the security of the collections during construction.

Mr. Greene stated a landscape plan was needed.

Ms. Costa stated the two areas of possible expenses included: restoration of damaged landscape and preparation to minimize damage to collections.

Ms. Katz noted that many people who were riding the bike trail recently came into the open house.

Mr. Greene inquired about the process regarding e-mails being sent to the SHC. Commissioners discussed a procedure to handle inquiries.

Date for next meeting(s)

Next SHC meeting scheduled for 11/18/25.

Motion to adjourn.

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

Mr. Hagger adjourned the meeting at 9:52 PM.