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Historical Commission

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MINUTES TUESDAY, February 10, 2026

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

Absent: Jan Costa

Mr. Hagger promoted Ms. Katz to voting status for tonight's meeting.

Eagle Scout Project

Present: Eagle Scout Theo Bowne, 16 Rice Road

Mr. Bowne reviewed the project to replace the Haynes-Garrison House sign on Water Row. He confirmed that he will be meeting with the Sudbury Historic Districts Commission in the next month to approve the design of the sign.

Mr. Bowne provided details of the proposed sign.

Mr. Hagger asked if the related ADA requirements had been satisfied in consideration of sign lettering. Mr. Bowne replied in the affirmative.

Mr. Hagger inquired about adding information to the sign. Mr. Bowne confirmed the design could be adjusted to allow for changes.

Mr. Andreas indicated that a protective cover for the sign would be recommended.

Sherman's Bridge Reconstruction Project

Mr. Hagger reviewed the response to the letter the Commission sent to the Sudbury DPW Director asking for additional information. He stated the rendering attached in the response letter was the only rendering that will be provided to the Commission and that there were no plans to send any architectural drawings to the Commission.

Mr. Hagger stressed that seeing architectural drawings would be helpful.

Mr. Wallace stated there is a different rendering on the DPW website.

Mr. Andreas stated there are some open issues that require finalized/modified renderings, which the Commission should be able to review.

Mr. Hagger mentioned aging of glulam and if the color would be similar to other materials used. He added the response to such consideration, noted that the glulam would either be covered, or if exposed, who display a yellow pine color.

Mr. Andreas stated he would like wood treatment to be a copper base without the arsenic used in CCA wood.

Mr. Hagger addressed the question about the direction of the wood covering the glulam. Mr. Wallace indicated his preference for use of either diagonal or vertical, but not horizontal; as bike wheels might get stuck in the seams.

Mr. Andreas suggested asking the glulam manufacturer for a recommendation regarding the preferred covering direction.

Mr. Wallace stated the present boards are laid at a 90-degree angle.

Mr. Hagger reviewed the question regarding guardrail coverings. He stated the SHC suggested using a steel-backed timber guardrail.

Mr. Andreas stated the color coating used on the metal posts should be a National Parks brown.

Mr. Hagger confirmed that SHC favored steel-backed timber railings, and if metal posts are used, they should be finished with a National Parks brown coating.

Commission Members next discussed the use of 3-piece railing, in place of the proposed 4-piece railing.

Mr. Andreas suggested using wider boards for the railing, which would reduce the number of railings to three (3).

Mr. Greene replied the railing must comply with national standards for space between railings.

Mr. Hagger commented that the majority of Commissioners were fine with the 4-piece railing, as proposed.

Resident Alicia Sisk, 68 Basswood Avenue, stated that the Sherman's Bridge has served as a desirable destination connecting past to present.

Resident Doug Stasta, 39 Sherman's Bridge Road, Wayland; requested another public hearing after all the design changes are completed.

Resident and Ambassador for Suasco Wild and Scenic River Stewardship Council Alyssa Brown, 5 Concord Green, Concord, expressed her concern about using copper-treated elements on the Bridge in consideration of the toxicity level impacting aquatic life in the river.

Historic Cemetery Restoration including Wheeler Stone using CPA funds

Mr. Hagger stated there was approximately \$15,000 remaining in an old CPA article. He confirmed Ms. Burns lead the effort to use those remaining funds to help clean the head stones at the historic cemeteries.

Hosmer House Restoration Project

Mr. Hagger reported the Town had received three (3) proposals for the design work on the exterior restoration work at the Hosmer House.

Hearse House Opening on May 16, 2026 including Freedom Way Grant

Mr. Greene stated the displays containing the history of the Hearse House will be located inside the house.

Mr. Hagger inquired if an application for the Freedom Way Grant would be submitted. Mr. Greene replied in the affirmative.

Hosmer House including Open Houses/ Open House Scheduling and Advertising, Safety & Security Plan, Cleaning

Mr. Greene confirmed there was a sufficient number of docents who offered to cover the Open House events; Mr. Hagger and Mr. Durall confirmed they would also be in attendance.

Ms. Katz expressed her concern about the safety of the visitors and possible falls given recent circumstances.

HC Documents at Sudbury Library/HC Website

Mr. Hagger reported that Beth Perry of the Planning and Development Department, found the original Hosmer House Hart report in the Town Manager's files and Ms. Katz identified the companies who authored the other two reports on the Hosmer House; both companies indicated that they are willing to share the original report with the Commission.

Mr. Hagger stated the original reports should be bound together as a set, to be located in the Goodnow Library and posted on the Commission's Website.

Mr. Greene suggested providing a set of hard copies to the Sudbury Historical Society.

Mr. Hagger inquired about the status of copying the Phase V Inventory report. Ms. Perry replied that she was waiting to hear from two Commissioners regarding need for receipt of hard copies of that report.

Hosmer House Archivist Procurement

Mr. Durall stated the RFQ from the Sudbury Historical Society had been accepted and that the associated legal process had begun.

HC/HDC Stewardship Working Group

Mr. Hagger reported the Conservation Commission has forwarded three (3) possible meeting dates with SHC to discuss areas of collaboration regarding the Carding Mill.

Mr. Wallace suggested the SHC conduct such review prior to the joint meeting with the Conservation Commission.

Hosmer House Collection Management Policy

Mr. Hagger recognized that Mr. Andreas had developed a draft Hosmer House Collection Management Policy.

Mr. Andreas stated an outside consultant should review a finalized draft policy.

Mr. Hagger opined about the Management Policy including guidelines regarding moving various parts of the collection within the Hosmer House.

Sudbury 250 Celebration

Mr. Greene mentioned that the plan would involve the Hosmer House being open on the same hours as the Sudbury 250th Celebration: 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. He stated coverage will be scheduled via two (2) shifts.

Hosmer House Preventive Conservation Consultation and Light Control Shades

Mr. Hagger suggested contacting the Northeast Document Conservation Center in order to obtain specifications and support regarding procurement of the appropriate shades.

Mr. Wallace offered to initiate such contact in the spring.

Revolutionary War Cemetery Kiosk and signage update

Mr. Hagger reported Fossil Graphics, the signage manufacturer, anticipates delivering the sign and base to Sudbury DPW sometime in February. He noted that qr codes are needed.

Revised Town-wide DRAFT Indigenous Cultural Landscape Study RFQ

Mr. Hagger reported that Mr. Andreas has shared the final Indigenous Cultural Landscape Study draft with the Commission Members.

Mr. Hagger inquired about the invoice requirements. Mr. Andreas reported that billing was split in two.

Mr. Hagger motioned to approve the final Indigenous Cultural Landscape Study RFQ draft with amendments, as discussed. Mr. Wallace seconded the motion. It was on motion 7-0; Wallace-aye, Hagger-aye, Andreas-aye, Durall-aye, Greenstein-aye, Burns-aye, Katz-aye.

Historic CPC Grants

Mr. Hagger reported The SHC has two grants on the sunset list developed by the CPC. He stated Ms. Burns will provide an update regarding the 2004-modified 2013 Cemetery Cleaning and Restoration Article and that Ms. Costa would update the 2015 Projects Article for CPC review at the March 4th CPC meeting.

Historic House Markers

Ms. Katz provided update regarding the house marker at 175 Landham Road.

Rail Trails Signage DCR support

Mr. Wallace provided an update.

Approval of 2025 SHC Annual Town Report

Commissioners reviewed the 2025 SHC Annual Town Report, with the changes provided by Mr. Greene and Mr. Hagger.

Mr. Hagger motioned to approve the 2025 SHC Annual Town Report, as displayed. Mr. Durall seconded the motion. It was on motion 7-0; Wallace-aye, Hagger-aye, Andreas-aye, Durall-aye, Greenstein-aye, Burns-aye, Katz-aye.

Meeting Minutes approval of January 20th, 2025 SHC Meeting Minutes

Mr. Hagger motioned to approve the January 20, 2026 SHC Meeting Minutes, as edited. The motion was seconded by Mr. Durall. It was on motion 7-0; Wallace-aye, Hagger-aye, Andreas-aye, Durall-aye, Greenstein-aye, Burns-aye, Katz-aye.

HC Finance Reports and next FY Budget Status

Mr. Durall stated the General Fund had a remaining balance of \$3,785.00 (including all approved expenses. He reported the Hosmer House Fund had a balance of \$19,368.00.

Mr. Durall stated the fiscal budget will be voted on at Town Meeting in May. Mr. Hagger questioned if a Commission member needs to be present at Town Meeting to answer questions concerning the budget.

Date for next meeting

Mr. Hagger confirmed the next SHC meeting was scheduled for 3/10/26.

Motion to adjourn.

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

Mr. Hagger adjourned the SHC Meeting at 9:18 PM.