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HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

September 15, 2026

Members Present: Chair Chris Hagger, William Andreas, Al Jost, Stephen Greenstein, Steve Greene, Kim Burns, Jan Costa, Marjorie Katz

Members Absent: Chris Durall, Michael Wallace

Mr. Hagger called the Meeting to order at 6:30 PM; he recognized the following Commissioners in remote attendance: William Andreas, Al Jost, Stephen Greenstein, Steve Greene, Kim Burns, Jan Costa, Marjorie Katz. Roll Call wat taken: Andreas-aye, Jost-aye, Greenstein-aye, Green-aye, Burns-aye, Costa-aye, Katz-aye

Ms. Katz was elevated to voting status for the meeting.

Others Present: Director of Planning & Community Development Adam Burney

87 Landham Road under the Sudbury Demolition Delay Bylaw

Commissioners agreed to discuss the item later in the meeting.

7-2 Thompson Drive under the Sudbury Demolition Delay Bylaw

Mr. Hagger reported that the Demolition Delay Bylaw application was received on 8/14/26, and a site inspection was scheduled for 11:00 AM on 9/18/26.

Mr. Hagger recognized the Commission Members who volunteered to conduct the site visit.

Potential new Eagle Scout Project

Mr. Hagger reported the Eagle Scout decided to do a project with another group in Town at this time.

Hosmer House Restoration Project

Mr. Hagger announced that a Hosmer House Restoration project meeting was scheduled for October 5th with APS (the Consulting Restoration group) and Ms. Duran, Director of the

Combined Facilities Department. Mr. Hagger detailed that discussion topics to be covered at that meeting included consideration of potential minor additions to the restoration project discussed at the last meeting of the Sudbury Historical Commission. He reported that Ms. Duran outlined a suggested timeline for the project; he confirmed that the 2026 Hosmer House Holiday Open House would not be affected by the construction, which is not expected to begin until Spring of 2027.

Historic Cemetery Restoration Project including CPC application

Ms. Burns provided summary of the CPC application for the Historic Cemetery Restoration Project. She stated the request includes $37,000 for markers, specific restoration and repairs along with $11,000 for tree work, repair of iron fence and surrounding stone wall. She noted that Ms. Costa recommended that Ms. Burns seek a letter of support from the Sudbury Historical Society and Sudbury Historic District Commission.

Ms. Costa commended Ms. Burns on her work on the restoration application.

Ms. Burns provided an update related to the RFQ submitted in June. She commented that she reduced the number of markers involved and noted that only one response was received and it exceeded $14,100. Ms. Burns confirmed that the related Historic Cemetery Restoration RFQ will be amended and resent.

Mr. Burney confirmed he was making the necessary RFQ adjustments and would be resending the request.

Mr. Hagger suggested approaching firms who did not bid on the initial RFQ to determine why they chose not to bid. Ms. Burns was in agreement.

Hosmer House Archivist project and CPC Application

Mr. Hagger provided an update on the Hosmer House Archivist project. He stated that Mr. Durall completed and submitted the CPC Application, with the assistance of Ms. Costa.

Granite Markers

Mr. Jost reported that he spoke with Mr. Tripp, Facilities Manager at the Wayside Inn, who offered to refurbish the other granite markers in Sudbury.

Mr. Hagger reported that Richard McGrath, the individual the SHC has contracted with to refurbish the 4 granite markers, will document the restoration process with before and after pictures and additional documentation.

Mr. Hagger reported there are an additional number of granite markers which require attention.

Mr. Greenstein commented about accepting gifts. Mr. Burney detailed that if someone donates something it is considered a gift, which requires approved acceptance by the Select Board.

Mr. Hagger raised the question about what to do if the arrow on the granite marker is pointed in the wrong direction. Mr. Andreas explained that when the individual stone is repainted, perhaps DPW might help in re-setting the stone so the arrow would point in the proper direction.

Wheeler Stone Article

Mr. Hagger reminded Mr. Greene to submit an article for The Sudbury Weekly regarding the Wheeler Stone. Mr. Greene agreed to draft such article.

Hosmer House including Open Houses, House Cleaning, Holiday Open House, Electronic Equipment

Mr. Greene recommended scheduling this year's Hosmer House Open House events on December 5, 6 and 12th and 13th of 2026. He noted that Diana Cebra and Steve Cebra offered to coordinate the various groups who decorate the Hosmer House holiday trees.

Mr. Greenstein commented that various religions should be represented with holiday ornamentation at the Hosmer House.

Discussion among Commission members evolved around inclusion of various religions holiday ornamentation at the Hosmer House.

Commissioners agreed that the holiday decorating theme would be "Coming Together," with the spirit of celebrating coming together and inclusion.

Mr. Greenstein volunteered to head the effort to encourage other religions to join in the Holiday Celebration at the Hosmer House.

Various commissioners offered Hosmer House Holiday Open House coverage.

Mr. Greene confirmed that a full cleaning of the Hosmer House was scheduled for early November. Ms. Katz inquired if the boxed items in the ballroom will be moved before the cleaning. Mr. Greene detailed that most of the small boxes had been moved.

Mr. Andreas asked when the next open house would be held. Mr. Greene stated that the next Hosmer House Open House was scheduled for September 20, 2026.

National Association of Preservation Commissions Section 106 Webinar

Mr. Hagger provided highlights regarding the National Association Preservation Commissions Webinar, regarding Section 106 of the National Preservation Act. He explained that Section 106

allows for local input regarding Federal Agency projects which affect local historic resource/s. He commented about proposed changes to the National Historic Preservation Act.

Mr. Andreas reported many organizations are lobbying against such changes, adding that regulations established by Legislation via Executive Order, cannot be changed.

Mr. Andreas reported on another seminar concerning how natural disasters affect local preservation and the necessity of having an inventory before a natural disaster strikes.

Revolutionary War Cemetery directory panel

Mr. Greene reported that he cleaned the directory panel with alcohol or Clorox and discovered that alcohol did best with cleaning.

Ms. Costa reported that the panel is located under a big tree and there is much air-borne debris from pollen and grass trimmings.

Mr. Andreas stated that alcohol wipes are easier to use than bottled alcohol.

Ms. Burns stated she observed a large number of ants crawling on the panel.

Ms. Katz asked if there might be a maintenance warranty regarding the panel's finish.

Ms. Costa stated that the graphic designer, reported the film on the panel was from heavier soiling from the trees, pollen and grass.

Ms. Costa summarized possible actions to be taken.

CPC Updates

Ms. Costa explained that Sudbury has opted into Community Preservation Funds Act. She noted that the State allows a surtax of 1.5% to 3% to be added onto property tax bills which the state matches. She confirmed the CPA funds are used to pay for open space, historic resources, community housing and various recreation projects and that 10% of the funds are earmarked for historic resources.

Ms. Costa stated 14 total requests were received by the CPC.

Hosmer House Light Control Window Shades

Mr. Hagger reported that Mr. Wallace provided a summary on his discussions with the New England Document Conservation Center concerning specifications on the Hosmer House light filtering and UV filtering window shades.

Town-wide Indigenous Cultural Landscape Study Update

Mr. Andreas provided an update regarding the Town-wide Indigenous Cultural Landscape Study.

Mr. Andreas explained that but the selected firm would not be available to begin such work until sometime next month.

Draft Hosmer House Collections Management Policy

Mr. Andreas submitted a Draft Hosmer House Collections Management Policy to the SHC. Ms. Costa stated the policy read like a contract.

Mr. Andreas stated Mr. Burney, Director of Planning and Community Development, raised the issue of how to dispose of an object deemed to be hazardous (such as radioactive material, which includes clocks, Vaseline glass and certain ceramics).

Mr. Andreas questioned if someone outside the Commission should review the document, such as Francesco Buccella, Director/Archivist of the Sudbury Historical Society, who offered to review the document.

Commissioners discussed disposing of various items. Mr. Hagger questioned if the policy is allowed by Florence Hosmer's will. Mr. Andreas replied he reviewed the will and he did not find any applicable rules.

Commissioners discussed a potential acquisition policy.

Ms. Costa questioned what happens if an item is damaged while on loan.

Ms. Costa stated the forms should have the ability to be filled out online. Mr. Andreas agreed.

Mr. Andreas stated most organizations which are larger than SHC, have a collections committee. Mr. Burney stated the Commission could establish such a subcommittee which would be subject to the open meetings law.

Mr. Greene questioned if this type of policy should be town wide.

Mr. Hagger questioned if the draft policy should be voted on tonight. Mr. Andreas suggested all amendments be put into writing so he could incorporate the changes into the proposed policy and then present them to the Commission at October's meeting. Commission members agreed.

16. RR Section House & So. Sudbury Train Station

Mr. Hagger stated the next step involves having the utility connection transferred to the Town.

Mr. Hagger commented on a related discussion with Combined Facilities Director Sandra Duran, who expressed the need to replace the asphalt roof on the So. Sudbury Train Station.

Approval of August 18th, 2026 HC Meeting Minutes

Mr. Hagger motioned to approve the SHC meeting minutes of August 18, 2026, as amended. Mr. Greene seconded the motion. It was on motion 5-0-2; Andreas-aye, Hagger-aye, Jost-aye, Greenstein-aye, Costa-aye, Burns-abstain, Katz-abstain

HC Financial Reports and FY 27 Budget

Mr. Hagger reported that the Hosmer House Fund balance was approximately $20,000.00.

Possible Future Agenda Items:

- Mr. Greene stated he wants to vote on authorizing money for the anticipated holiday expenses.
- Mr. Hagger reported the Goodnow Library will seek the SHC's support on their CPC application.
- Mr. Hagger reported a discussion will be held on demo delay application for 7-2 Thompson Drive.
- Mr. Greenstein suggested a discussion for promoting future events at the Hosmer House.
- Ms. Burns stated she will have an update on the CPC application regarding the Revolutionary War Cemetery.
- Mr. Hagger reported the Town has scheduled an OML on September 24, 2026.
- Mr. Greene reported about 30 individuals have requested a private tour of Sudbury Center to include First Parish Church, Hearse House, The Pound and Cemetery on September 19th, which will be staffed by people in regalia to begin at 12:30. Mr. Andreas reported that you have to be a member of the DAR to participate in the tour.

Date for next meeting-October 20, 2026

Mr. Hagger confirmed the next SHC meeting is scheduled for 10/20/2026.

87 Landham Road under the Sudbury Demolition Delay Bylaw

Mr. Hagger asked if the Commission should invite the owners/representatives to the next meeting of the SHC.

Mr. Burney asked if the reason behind the invite was to save the structure. Mr. Hagger replied in the affirmative.

Motion to adjourn.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:41 PM.