



Town of Sudbury

Historic Districts Commission

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MINUTES

FEBRUARY 3, 2022 AT 7:30 PM

VIRTUAL MEETING

Members Present: Chair Fred Taylor, Vice Chair Susanna Finn, and Taryn Trexler

Members Absent: William Andreas and Anuraj Shah

Others Present: Director of Planning and Community Development Adam Duchesneau and Planning and Zoning Coordinator Beth Perry

Mr. Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM.

Old Business:

1. CONTINUED Public Hearing – Case 21-14, 47, 72, & 131 Wayside Inn Road (Assessor’s Maps L03-0001 and L03-0002), Applicant Daniel Nason, Public Works Director, and Owner Town of Sudbury, seek a Certificate of Appropriateness to demolish, design, and reconstruct the current bridge over Hop Brook on Wayside Inn Road

Mr. Taylor made a motion to continue the public hearing for the 47, 72, & 131 Wayside Inn Road Certificate of Appropriateness application to the Historic Districts Commission meeting on March 3, 2022. Ms. Finn seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Taylor – Aye, Ms. Finn – Aye, and Ms. Trexler – Aye.

New Business:

2. Public Hearing – Case 22-3, 29 Henry’s Mill Lane (Assessor’s Map K03-0424), Applicant Peter Ferland and Owners David & Mary Levin seek a Certificate of Appropriateness to install fencing to enclose a pool

Landscape Architect Peter Ferland and owner David Levin were in attendance to discuss the application with the Historic Districts Commission. Mr. Ferland reviewed the drawings and pictures that were submitted as part of the application materials.

Ms. Finn inquired about the type of fencing that was being proposed. Mr. Ferland indicated it would be a mini-mesh with a tension wire across the top to make it less visible.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness application for 29 Henry's Mill Lane. Ms. Trexler seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Taylor – Aye, Ms. Finn – Aye, and Ms. Trexler – Aye.

Other Business:

Recommendation regarding New Historic Districts Commission Member

Ms. Trexler was happy there were two enthusiastic applicants, but felt Chris Hagger could bring more experience with him to the Historic Districts Commission.

Ms. Finn also appreciated both of the applicants and felt they could both be a good fit with the other members of the Commission.

Mr. Taylor stated he would prefer to have both applicants become members of the Historic Districts Commission, but he also noted there was currently only one position open.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to recommend to the Select Board they appoint Chris Hagger to the Historic Districts Commission. Ms. Finn seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Taylor – Aye, Ms. Finn – Aye, and Ms. Trexler – Aye.

Discussion regarding the Town of Sudbury becoming a Certified Local Government

Chris Hagger, Chair of the Historical Commission, was in attendance to discuss the matter with the Historic Districts Commission. He indicated the Historical Commission was supportive of the Town becoming a Certified Local Government. Mr. Hagger also noted only 27 communities in the Commonwealth were Certified Local Governments. He stated that being a Certified Local Government would allow more input into what properties could become a part of the National Register. Mr. Hagger indicated all of the requirements to become a certified community were already met by both the Historic Districts Commission and the Historical Commission, but the Commissions would be required to have one joint meeting each year and submit an annual report. He also noted there would need to be a memorandum of agreement between each of the Commissions to designate the specific roles for each Commission to maintain the certification.

Ms. Finn asked what the process would be if the Town no longer desired to be a Certified Local Government. Mr. Hagger indicated it would be as simple as letting certain requirements lapse or remain incomplete over time, such as the filing of an annual report each year.

Approval of Minutes from January 6, 2022

Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes from January 6, 2022. Ms. Finn seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Taylor – Aye, Ms. Finn – Aye, and Ms. Trexler – Aye.

Administrative Report/Update

Ms. Trexler noted the Historic Districts Commission Design Guidelines Community Preservation Act application had been voted to move forward to the May 2022 Annual Town Meeting by the Community Preservation Committee.

Mr. Duchesneau stated Mr. Taylor had worked with Town Counsel to submit a Warrant Article for the May 2022 Annual Town Meeting to amend the Chapter 40 of the Special Acts of 1963 to amend the process for creating new local historic districts.

At 8:35 PM, Mr. Taylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Finn seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Taylor – Aye, Ms. Finn – Aye, and Ms. Trexler – Aye.