



Town of Sudbury

Historic Districts Commission

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MINUTES

JANUARY 5, 2023 AT 7:30 PM

VIRTUAL MEETING

Members Present: Chair Ahnu Shah, Vice Chair Taryn Trexler, Chris Hagger, and Jordan Wachs

Members Absent: None

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

Mr. Shah called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM.

New Business:

Public Hearing – Case 23-01, 48 King Philip Road (Assessor’s Map K09-0036), Applicant and Owner Kelley Abrams seeks a Certificate of Appropriateness for the approval of a preinstalled walkway

Applicant and Owner Kelley Abrams was in attendance to discuss the application with the Historic Districts Commission. She indicated there was a need to reconstruct the walkway as this was the main way to get into the house, the slope was very steep, and the pathway’s bricks were eroding.

Mr. Shah asked the other members of the Historic Districts Commission to provide their thoughts on the application. All members agreed the changes which had already been made were acceptable.

Ms. Trexler made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for 48 King Philip Road as submitted. Mr. Wachs seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Shah – Aye, Ms. Trexler – Aye, Mr. Hagger – Aye, and Mr. Wachs – Aye.

Other Business:

Discussion Regarding Membership Applications

Mr. Shah noted the terms on the Historic Districts Commission are five year terms and getting candidates who have strong backgrounds is important. He indicated this was especially true for the one, current, open Full Member seat, as well as for the two open Associate Member seats.

Discussion regarding Associate Member amendment to Chapter 40 of the Special Acts of 1963 which had been approved, including the roles of Associate Members and if there was any required background for these positions.

Mr. Shah asked if Mr. Hagger could reach out to the members of the Historical Commission to see if they knew of anyone who might be interested in joining the Historic Districts Commission.

Mr. Wachs inquired about the difference between a Full Member and an Associate Member. Mr. Duchesneau explained Associate Members could participate in the discussion regarding Certificate of Appropriateness applications, but they could only vote when a Full Member was not able to participate on an application for some reason.

Hosmer House Roof and Gutter Replacement Project

Mr. Hagger explained there had been an effort in the past to replace the roof on the Hosmer House. He noted it had not moved forward and there was now an impending need to get the project started.

Mr. Hagger discussed the proposed modifications the Historical Commission was seeking to make to the Hosmer House. He was hoping to obtain initial feedback and comments from the members of the Historic Districts Commission which could be incorporated into the Certificate of Appropriateness application for this project.

There was discussion regarding the proposed material and style for the new gutters and the material to be used for the new roof.

Diana Warren of 32 Old Framingham Road and a member of the Historical Commission provided comments regarding the proposed alterations to the Hosmer House.

Certified Local Government Designation and Requirements

Mr. Hagger reported the Historical Commission had been informed the Town of Sudbury had been designated as a Certified Local Government. He indicated this certification gave Sudbury access to technical information and additional grant funding.

Chris Durall of 14 Hayden Circle and a member of the Historical Commission commented that one of the requirements is to have an annual joint meeting with the Historical Commission. Mr. Shah suggested a joint meeting in mid-June, the commission was agreeable.

Discussion regarding Modification of Existing Design Guidelines

Mr. Shah reviewed some of the proposed changes he would like to make to the existing Design Guidelines.

Other potential changes to the Design Guidelines were discussed by the members of the Historic Districts Commission.

Revised Certificate of Appropriateness/Permit for Demolition or Removal Application Form

Mr. Duchesneau reviewed the proposed changes to the current application form.

There was discussion regarding reordering the pages of the application form.

Mr. Shah made a motion to approve the revised Certificate of Appropriateness/Permit for Demolition or Removal Application Form as amended. Mr. Wachs seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Shah – Aye, Ms. Trexler – Aye, Mr. Hagger – Aye, and Mr. Wachs – Aye.

Approval of Minutes from November 21, 2022

Ms. Trexler made a motion to approve the minutes from November 21, 2022 as amended. Mr. Hagger seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Shah – Aye, Ms. Trexler – Aye, Mr. Hagger – Aye, and Mr. Wachs – Abstain.

Approval of Minutes from December 1, 2022

Mr. Hagger made a motion to approve the minutes from December 1, 2022 as amended. Ms. Trexler seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Shah – Aye, Ms. Trexler – Aye, Mr. Hagger – Aye, and Mr. Wachs – Abstain.

Approval of 2022 Annual Report

Mr. Hagger made a motion to approve the 2022 Annual Report for the Historic Districts Commission as amended. Ms. Trexler seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Shah – Aye, Ms. Trexler – Aye, Mr. Hagger – Aye, and Mr. Wachs – Abstain.

Administrative Report/Update

Mr. Duchesneau welcomed Mr. Wachs to his first meeting as a Full Member on the Historic Districts Commission.

At 10:00 PM, Ms. Trexler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hagger seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Shah – Aye, Ms. Trexler – Aye, Mr. Hagger – Aye, and Mr. Wachs – Aye.