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MINUTES

July 18, 2023 AT 6:30 PM

VIRTUAL MEETING

Present: Chair Chris Hagger, Vice-Chair Kathryn McGrath, Diana Warren, Diana Cebra, Chris Durall, Jan Costa, Bill Andreas

Absent: Marjorie Katz

Others Present: Planning & Zoning Coordinator Beth Perry, Community Preservation Coordinator Ryan Poteat

Mr. Hagger opened the historical commission meeting at 6:30 pm. Roll call was taken: Mr. Hagger-present, Ms. Cebra-present, Mr. Durall present, Ms. McGrath-present, Ms. Warren-present, Mr. Andreas-present, Ms. Costa-present

Public Hearing – 196 North Road under the Sudbury Demolition Delay Bylaw

Present: Nancy Brennan, Owner

Mr. Hagger reported the building inspector had not received plans to determine if the house falls under the Demolition Delay Bylaw. Ms. Brennan replied she had sent plans to the building inspector on July 5, 2023.

Mr. Hagger motioned to continue the public hearing for 196 North Road under the Sudbury Demolition Bylaw, to the SHC meeting on August 15th. Ms. Costa seconded the motion. It was on motion 7-0; Costa-aye, Durrell-aye, McGrath-aye, Hagger-aye, Warren-aye, Andreas-aye, Cebra-aye

Mr. Hagger motioned to extend the submittal of plans for 196 North Road under the Sudbury Demolition Bylaw to no later than August 15, 2023. The motion was seconded by Mr. Durall. It was on motion 7-0; Costa-aye, Durrell-aye, McGrath-aye, Hagger-aye, Warren-aye, Andreas-aye, Cebra-aye

Public Hearing – 328 Hudson Road under the Sudbury Demolition Delay Bylaw

Present: Victor Nasimento, Owner

Mr. Hagger reported the building inspector did not deem it necessary to issue an emergency demolition permit. Mr. Nasimento reported a structural engineer inspected the garage and determined it was not salvageable and had drafted a letter stating such.

Ms. McGrath confirmed she reviewed the status of concrete block garages per National Register. the subject garage did not qualify under such nomination.

Ms. Warren stated that under Section 5, Emergency Demolition, the decision to demolish the building is under the jurisdiction of the Building Inspector.

Mr. Hagger motioned to preferably preserve 328 Hudson Road. Ms. Warren seconded the motion. It was on motion 5-2; Costa-no, Durall-aye, Cebra-aye, Hagger-aye, Andreas-no, Warren-aye, McGrath-aye

35 Willis Road under the Sudbury Demolition Delay Bylaw

Present: Peter Denny, Owner

Mr. Hagger detailed the construction, history and style of the house at 35 Willis Road.

Ms. Warren provided information about the historic ownership of the property and connections to the early families of Sudbury.

Mr. Denny inquired if the house could be renovated or torn down.

Mr. Hagger motion to determine historical significance for the property at 35 Willis Street. Ms. McGrath seconded the motion. It was on motion 7-0; McGrath-aye, Hagger-aye, Durall-aye, Warren-aye, Cebra-aye, Durrell-aye, Costa-aye

Approval of June 20, 2023 SHC Meeting Minutes

Mr. Hagger motioned to approve the SHC Meeting Minutes for June 20, 2023, as edited. Ms. costa seconded the motion. It was on motion 6-0-1. Hagger-aye, Costa-aye, Andreas-abstain, Durrell-aye, Cebra-aye, McGrath-aye, Warren-aye

Historical Commission Applications approved by Community Preservation Committee (CPC) and Town Meeting – Request for Proposal Development

The Commission reviewed and edited the language associated with RFQs for the Historical Commission's four CPC funded projects: Hosmer House Collection Study, Hosmer House Historic Structure Report/Cultural Landscape Report, Town-wide Indigenous Cultural Landscape Study, and Historic Resource Inventory Survey.

Invitation to consult on Mass Central Rail Trail – Interpretive Signage Development

Ms. McGrath provided updates regarding the proposed signage.

Railroad Section House and Crumbles Train Station (Yellow Train Station near RR Diamond)

Mr. Hagger provided highlights of his meeting with town counsel at the Railroad Section House and the Crumble Station. Commissioners discussed possible acquisition of the Railroad Section House and the Crumbles Train station.

Resident Frank Muwee, 22 Frost Lane, commented about using the Section House to welcome users of the Rail Trail to Sudbury.

Historical Commission role to protect archaeological sites under the Sudbury Demolition Delay Bylaw

Ms. McGrath inquired about the responsibilities of the Commission when considering ground disturbance/artifacts during the Demolition Delay Bylaw process.

Mr. Andreas stated such protection was provided to State and Federal lands only.

Hosmer House including Memorial Day/sales, repairs, staffing/docent training, future programs, and landscape/fairy garden assistance.

Ms. Cebra reported 84 people viewed the Hosmer House during the July 4th celebration.

Commissioners discussed staffing requirements and related schedules for Hosmer House events.

Streamlining Historical Commission Meeting Options

Mr. Hagger mentioned various options to shorten the length of the SHC meetings.

Ms. Warren left the meeting at 10:00 pm.

Commissioners agreed to make SHC minutes shorter as a way to shorten meetings.

Ms. Costa recommended the commission prioritize the meeting agenda items and group together the items which require Commission vote.

Historical Commission Records Retention

This agenda topic was postponed to the next SHC meeting.

Certified Local Government including Joint Meeting with Historic Districts Commission

Mr. Hagger asked Commissioners to agree on a date to schedule the joint meeting with the Historic Districts Commission.

Historic House Marker Program

The Commissioners agreed to table the discussion.

Historical Commission material for event displays

Mr. Durall suggested purchasing a tablecloth to display historical exhibits at various events.

Commissioners agreed to have Mr. Durall present estimates for purchasing a tablecloth.

Historical Commission Finance Reports and current funding needs

Ms. Costa presented end-of-year financials for General Fund and Hosmer House funds.

Recommended Archeology

Ms. McGrath confirmed she would watch the Planning Board meeting in consideration of 86-92 Boston Post Road coverage.

Date for next SHC meeting.

The next SHC meeting will be held on August 15, 2023.

Motion to Adjourn

Mr. Hagger adjourned the meeting at 10:25 pm.