

SUDBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Tuesday, September 25th, 2018

Those present: Chris Hagger, Jan Costa, Lyn MacLean, Fred Bautze, Bill Johnson
Absent: Diana Warren
Guests: Andrea Holland, Stewart Hoover, Chris Morley, Neil Joyce, Craig Blake, Michael Melnick, Elaine Jones, Joel Bargmann, Anne Stone, Atty Reilly

The first order of business was to pass over the agenda item regarding the demolition request for the red barn with cupola located at 554 Boston Post Road. This building permit application for demolition had been officially withdrawn by the applicant in a request to the Sudbury Building Inspector and documented in writing by the Sudbury Building Inspector to the SHC. In addition, the applicant and her attorney were present and confirmed that this application had been withdrawn.

The next order of business was a request from the Sudbury Historical Society (SHS) for the SHC to support a request by the SHS to the Sudbury Community Preservation Committee (CPC) to fund a Fire Protection System for the Loring Parsonage. Stewart Hoover, representing the SHS, stated that there were not enough funds left in their Loring Parsonage construction budget to pay for a Fire Protection System for the Loring Parsonage. He stated that the SHS has invested close to \$2M in the Loring Parsonage and a Fire Protection System is necessary to protect this asset. The Fire Protection System design and installation would cost approximately \$60,000. He also indicated that the SHS may need to come back to the SHC next year for support to request additional CPC funding for a brick walkway from the parking area to the porch of the Loring Parsonage. Chris Morley stated that the future Town Hall renovation project may cover brick walkway needs for the Loring Parsonage. On a 5-0 vote, the SHC approved a motion to support the SHS installation of a Fire Protection System in the Loring Parsonage and to seek funding from the CPC. Chris will provide a letter of SHC support to the SHS for their application to the CPC.

Jan led a discussion and summary of the preparations for the Hosmer House (HH) Holiday Open House in December, 2018. The September 17th HH Decorator meeting was very successful. Chris will represent Jan at the October 18th Docent Training/Appreciation meeting at HH. Jan discussed the much improved new docent training materials that have been prepared based on oral histories from Lyn and Liz. Barbara Wagner will lead the October 18th docent training and Maureen Hines will provide food for refreshments. Jan discussed and provided a detailed handout for preparations for the HH Holiday Open House with assigned responsibilities.

Craig Blake, representing the Sudbury Permanent Building Committee (PBC), stated that Sudbury's building inspector has concluded that a handicap accessibility waiver is no longer needed for the Loring Parsonage as the proposed changes to this building will accommodate handicap accessibility from the new building addition. Handicap access is not needed from the front door. The PBC discussed the needs for modifications to the Sudbury Town Hall to provide handicap accessibility. The PBC indicated that they would need SHC support in their application for funding to the CPC which is due on Oct. 4th, 2018.

The Chair of the SHC stated that the SHC would not be able to provide definitive support of a building option prior to October 4th as the SHC has not been briefed or seen the plans for changes in the Town Hall prior to this meeting and it will take time and several meetings for the SHD to review and comment on the specific changes. The PBC stated that they are being guided by the results of the Blue Ribbon report on Town Hal and their main challenge is handicap accessibility across various floors of the building. The PBC architect (Joel Bargmann) then presented two options for changes to the Sudbury Town Hall. Option 1 presented no changes to the selectman's meeting room or first floor lobby area or second floor hall, stairways or stage. Option 2A would involve changes to the front first floor lobby by lowering the lobby floor by 7 inches and modifying the front lobby exterior doors. It would also involve installation of an elevator to the second floor and second floor balcony which would eliminate one of the existing stairways and punch through the balcony. One of the SHC members recommended consideration of an exterior elevator to reduce interior impacts to the architectural features of the building. The PBC architect stated that they were going to try to get a waiver from the State for handicap accessibility to the front of this building. It was agreed that the PBC and SHC hold a joint public meeting in the Town Hall on either Nov. 8th at 8am or Nov. 15th at 8am to review the proposed changes in the building. By a 5-0 vote, the SHC authorized the Chair to write a letter of general support for the PBC application to the CPC with the following wording " The SHC supports the intent to restore and preserve the architectural features of the Sudbury Town Hall in accordance with the Secretary of Interior standards. The SHC reserves the right to review and approve interior and exterior details associated with the restoration project."

By a 5-0 vote, the SHC approved the draft August 21, 2018 and September 5, 2018 meeting minutes.

The Treasurer's report was discussed and reviewed.

Preparations for the SHC booth at the Colonial Minuteman Faire on Saturday, September 29th were discussed.

Chris brought up important Mass Historical Commission Workshops coming up on November 2, 2018 and November 8 2018 and encouraged MHC members to attend.

Chris brought up communications from the State DOT regarding changes to the Henry Ford tunnel under Rt. 20 adjacent to the Wayside Inn property. Chris will look into this and report back at the next SHC meeting.

Chris brought up communications from Ben Haley of the Mass Historical Commission regarding our recent bridge application for National Register listing. Chris stated to the MHC that we are interested in the long term preservation and protection of these bridges irregardless of whether the Eversource project is undertaken or not.

List of Documents and other exhibits used at meeting: PBC handouts on Options 1 and 2A for the Town Hall, SHC Treasurers Report