

SUDBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, November 7th, 2018

Those Present: Chris Hagger, Diana Warren, Bill Johnson, Jan Costa, Lyn MacLean, Fred Bautze Guests: Fred Taylor, George Pucci, Denise Bartone, Marc Bergeron

The first order of business was to have a discussion with a potential new member of the Sudbury Historical Commission (SHC) – Fred Taylor. Fred discussed his background in historical architecture and his extensive involvement in preservation efforts in Sudbury as a member and current Chair of the Sudbury Historic District Commission (SHDC). He believes that it would be very positive to have both the SHC and the SHDC work more closely together to share ideas and support community preservation efforts. He would be interested in supporting updates to the Demolition Delay bylaw and working with the SHC to identify potential new Historic Districts. In response to a question, Fred indicated that he would assist with the Hosmer House.

The next order of business was a meeting with the Supervisor of Licensing and Permitting for Environmental Affairs for Eversource and their consultant from Epsilon Associates. Chris let it be known that Epsilon Associates has worked in the past as a subcontractor to the firm Chris works for. A discussion followed on the above and below ground cultural historical assets that Eversource has identified along the proposed route of a new underground transmission line through Sudbury. These assets were identified as part of a study required by the US Army Corps of Engineers Section 106 permitting requirements. The Massachusetts Historical Commission has encouraged Eversource to interact with the SHC on this study. Six historical assets were identified – Wayside Station west of Dutton Road, South Sudbury Station west of Union Ave., East Sudbury Station east of Landham Road, RR Section Tool House near Route 20, cellar hole site in Memorial Forrest and tri-Town granite marker near Memorial Forrest. Eversource stated that no native American sites or artifacts were identified. The SHC mentioned the 2 bridges that the SHC has applied for National Register listing should also be included as historical assets. Eversource stated that there will be no impacts to the RR Section Tool House or ramp near Rt. 20 and the SHC will be provided with an update map/plan of the path of the underground transmission line around the RR Section Tool House/ramp. Eversource also stated that sections of the rail in proximity can be saved in the SHC so decides but the SHC will need to get back to Eversource on this. Eversource agreed to also provide the SHC with the Report for above ground historical assets, paper trail for the MHC filing and Native American report findings if it can be released. The SHC will send a formal request for this information.

George Pucci, lawyer representing the Town of Sudbury, updated the SHC on status of the Eversource transmission line project.

Jan reviewed the status of the Hosmer House Holiday Open House including the upcoming HH Decorator set-up efforts on Nov. 25th/26th as well as publicity efforts and volunteer assignments for preparations for the HH Open House.

Jan and Lyn reviewed the recent Massachusetts Historical Commission workshop they attended regarding the benefits of historic preservation and ways to articulate the benefits of preservation at the local level.

It was confirmed that the next meeting with the PBC regarding Town Hall renovations will occur at 8am on Thursday, November 15th at Town Hall for a walk through of the potential changes to the Town Hall.

The SHC agreed to recommend that HH store supplies to be purchased after the Holidays be limited to approximately \$250.

Jan will check with the status of the budgeting process for the SHC. Chris mentioned that the SHC annual report is due at the end of January. Chris will draft up the annual report for review and comment at the January 2019 SHC meeting. It was agreed that Tuesday, December 18th would be held as a potential December SHC meeting date if needed.

The new building construction at the site of a historic house previously surveyed by the SHC located at 59 Dudley Road was discussed. Diana will review this situation to determine if a demolition of a historic house occurred at this location.

Diana updated the SHC on her review of the Loring Parsonage architectural plans in preparation for a meeting with the Sudbury PBC on Thursday, November 15th at 10am.

List of Documents and other exhibits used at meeting: Copies of Eversource 75% Design Submittal of Transmission Line Reliability Project.