



# Town of Sudbury

## Historical Commission

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### **SUDBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING** **Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Those Present: Chris Hagger, Margi Katz, Taryn Trexler, Diana Warren, Fred Taylor, Bill Johnson, Jan Costa  
Absent: Diana Cebra, Fred Bautz  
Guests: Joe and Julie Gibowicz, Chris Morley, Steve Shelter, Joel Bargmann, Bill Barletta, Elaine Jones, Craig Blake and Neil Joyce

As the SHC had 1 full member absent, the Chair authorized Fred Bautze (alternate) to vote with the rest of the SHC members.

787 Concord Road- Under the Sudbury Demolition Delay Bylaw, an advertised public hearing was held on a partial demolition application for 787 Concord Road. The SHC had previously performed a site inspection of this property and determined that this property is historically significant. The applicants, Joe and Julie Gibowicz, reviewed the documentation they had previously provided the SHC for a 1 story addition on the rear of their home and answered questions from the SHC members. The applicants indicated that the new addition windows would match the trim, size and appearance of the older windows in the rest of the house. They also stated that the new addition roof shingles would match the existing roof shingles. SHC members commented that the proposed addition was designed to blend with the historical features of the house. By a 7-0 vote, the SHC determined that the proposed addition to this property as presented in the material submitted to the Commission would not be detrimental to the historical or architectural heritage or resources of the Town and should not be preferably preserved and a partial demolition permit may be issued. The SHC Chair will so inform the Sudbury Building Inspector and the applicants in writing of the SHC decision.

554 Boston Post Road – Diana Warren will represent the SHC before the upcoming ZBA hearing on this property on April 29<sup>th</sup>. In response to a request for input for the ZBA hearing on April 29<sup>th</sup>, the SHC has also submitted its position on this variance request based on the language agreed to at the SHC public meeting on April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Town Hall Renovation – Members of the PBC and their architects/consultants were in attendance and made a presentation on the current proposed design plans for the Town Hall. The SHC members had been given architectural renderings of the proposed changes in advance of the meeting for review. The changes that were highlighted by the architects in their presentation were in response to feedback they had received from a prior public meeting which members of the SHC had attended and provide input on.

A summary of the SHC comments and any follow up actions needed as follows:

- The SHC reviewed and were ok with the synthetic roof material which would replace the slate roof but give the appearance of a gray slate roof. One member expressed a different opinion on the use of the synthetic roof material.
- The SHC was supportive of proposed interior paint chip analysis on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor meeting room, the front door interior entrance way/staircases and the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor stage area. The SHC would work with the PBC on final determinations of interior paint color which could be the original paint color from the 1930's, a paint color identified from a later time period and/or the display or reveal

of the original color(s) in each area. The SHC will furnish the PBC with the names of paint chip analysis contractors.

- The SHC was ok with the proposed exterior railing design/color at the front of the Town Hall and alongside the proposed ramp on the north side. One member expressed a different opinion on the proposed exterior railing design and proposed ramp.
- The SHC was ok with the proposed restoration of the second floor windows and the installation of new windows on the first floor to match the existing second floor windows.
- The SHC was ok with the installation of a new half round window in the front pediment on the front of the Town Hall where the current painted plywood covering exists but the new half round window needs to be modeled after the original window based on research of early photographs of the Town Hall.
- The SHC is supportive of the refinishing/restoration of the floor in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor theater.
- The SHC questioned the proposed appearance of the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor theater ceiling with so many proposed lights (original fixtures being restored which the SHC supported, new inset/downlighting light fixtures, 4 sets of ceiling fans, stage lights, HVAC vents) as there was no architectural rendering provided of what this would look like. The SHC reaffirmed that this ceiling is very worthy of maintaining as much as possible in its original state. The PBC agreed to relook at this and get back to the SHC.
- The PBC confirmed that there are no proposed changes to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor balcony except a new wood railing. The SHC stated that we would need to see the details of this proposed railing before approval.
- The PBC confirmed that the balcony would not be ADA accessible assuming a variance could be obtained. The SHC asked the PBC to provide a list of all the ADA variances that are being sought based on the design presented.
- There was a suggestion from the SHC that flexible dressing rooms be considered in the design of the area off stage.
- The SHC was supportive of the restoration of the front interior entryway stairs and wood risers/steps.
- The SHC asked that trim be placed around the front entryway hallway elevator door to match the trim shown for the other hallway doors.
- The SHC was not supportive of the replacement of the front entryway floor with a synthetic wood laminate material. The SHC asked the PBC to determine what was under the vinyl flooring in both the entryway and the 1<sup>st</sup> floor meeting room and to determine if wood did exist under the vinyl flooring. If wood does exist under the vinyl flooring, the SHC would ask the PBC to determine how it could be restored.
- The SHC was supportive of the replacement of the door on the left side of the 1<sup>st</sup> floor meeting room stage to match the original door on the right side.
- In terms of the Town Hall Front Doors, the SHC would need more details on the proposed refinishing of the doors including specifically what hardware would be replaced and the details of the new hardware.
- The SHC was supportive of the restoration of the existing exterior lamps outside the Front Doors
- As a safety concern, it was suggested that the PBC add a barrier, such as planters or a rail, to prevent people from falling off the sides of the raised step that will be leading into the front doors.

- The SHC was supportive of the restoration of the existing exterior lamps outside the Front Doors.
- Several members of the SHC expressed different opinions of the architectural design for the proposed entryway from the rear parking area and the proposed shielding of HVAC in the rear. It was agreed that the SHC would discuss these at our May 21<sup>st</sup> meeting and get back to the PBC with any unified recommendations.
- The SHC commented on the need for repairs to the stone retaining wall extending from the south side of the Town Hall and in proximity to the Loring Parsonage

Frost Farm – Chris informed the SHC that arrangements have been made for him to enter the building with the Building Inspector on May 2<sup>nd</sup> to inspect the historical interior aspects and he will take pictures to share with the SHC and others in Town government. The SHC continued to express concern about the process that had been followed for the demolition and condemnation decisions by the Town without any input sought from the SHC.

Loring Parsonage – Diana W. had informed the SHC that the PBC/SHS/Architect had decided to change some interior paint colors. Diana W. had asked for a Color Board for the new colors but has not received this yet.

Sudbury Master Plan – The SHC agreed that Jan Costa and Taryn Trexler will co-represent the SHC in the Town Master Plan process. Chris will so inform the Town Planner.

604 Peakham Road – Chris confirmed that under the Demolition Delay Bylaw, the SHC has a site inspection scheduled for this property on Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1pm.

Hosmer House Events – It was confirmed that Hope Sudbury will be using the HH soon for an event. It was also confirmed that HH will be open on Memorial Day from 11am- 3pm. Fred B. is coordinating this event. No information yet on the HH Holiday Open House.

Sudbury Colonial Faire at Wayside Inn – It was confirmed that Fred B. and Margi have decent support for this event in September.

April 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes – Approved as Final by a 5-0-1 (abstain) vote with additions from Jan and Diana W.

May 21 SHC Meeting – The Sudbury Town Manager to attend at the beginning of the meeting at 6:30pm. The Town Hall Renovation Project & the Public Hearing for 484 North Road will be on the agenda.

Mass Historical Commission Workshop – Tuesday, April 30, 2019, Leominster, MA – Chris, Diana W., Jan and Diana C. are planning to attend.

List of Documents and other exhibits used at meeting: Architectural Drawings for proposed Town Hall Renovations, Submittal for proposed changes to 787 Concord Road under Demo Delay Bylaw.