



# Town of Sudbury

## Historical Commission

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### Sudbury Historical Commission (SHC)

#### Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2020

**Attendees:** Fred Bautze, Diana Cebra, Jan Costa, Chris Hagger, Margi Katz, Taryn Trexler, Diana Warren

**Other Attendees:** Quentin Nowland, kay Bell, Patricia Guthy, Chuck Mills, Patrick McCarthy, Duane D. Houghton, William Dickinson, Ann Stone, Michael Riley, Steve Greene

Chairperson Chris Hagger called the meeting to order and appointed Fred Bautze, alternate member, to vote at tonight's meeting.

#### Town Hall Renovation

The discussions were regarding the recent collaborative meeting with the Permanent Building Committee, Historic District Commission, Counsel on Disabilities and the Sudbury Historic Commission. The Counsel on Disabilities was asked to give input on the access for the renovation plans for Town Hall project that would meet their requirements. Options not requiring a variance verses need for an application to the state to preserve the historic features of the future renovated Town Hall were discussed. It was voted in favor 4 to 2 to recommend that the renovation include access to the front to maintain the current entrance as well as the already proposed enter an event in the rear of the building.

#### 554 Boston Post Road under the Demolition Delay Bylaw

A review of the SHC recommendation for preservation of significant feature in the interior with a deed restriction to be passed on to future owners. Pictures and/or site visit of the current interior to determine features to be considered for preservation. Review of paint colors to be used to compile with actual period of the tavern. Placement of a plaque to document approximate period of the building. Placing the site in a newly form Historic District upon renovation. Monitoring the stated preservation by the Planning Board. Delay the vote to end the Demolition Delay until the next meeting of Jan 14, 2020

#### 85 Raymond Road under the Demolition Delay Bylaw

The contractor in charge of the restoration of the building would contact the owner for the permission for a site visit of the interior.

35 Lincoln Lane under the Demolition Delay Bylaw

Site visit would be following week to determine if the building was historically significant.

Minutes for the November 19, 2019 was approved

Candidate for the current opening of the SHC Steve Green was interviewed and the Commission voted unanimously to approve his recommendation to the Board of Selectman.

The 2019 SHC Annual Report was approved for submission with only minor additions.

The SHC budget for the next FY was increased from current \$5800 to 7,800 in include the proposed cleaning expenses for the Hosmer House. The town would be in charge of arranging contacts for the vendors. Possible paying for outside person to record meeting minutes was discussed. The determination to rotate the responsibilities by Commissioner was decided to continue.

Eversource project would have Taryn Trexler as the contact person from the HC

Carding Mill update was for Chris Hagger and Diana Cebra to attend the next Conservation Commission meeting to develop a collaborative plan for increasing usage to the historic site. Proposed requirement for the damn repair and preservation/restoration of the interior would be recommendation.

Community Preservation Committee and Old Home Surveys

Ms. Trexler reported that the \$30,000 for the studies was approved by the CPC and will be presented at the May 2020 Town Meeting for a vote. Diana Cebra and Steve Green will met with Esme Green, Exc. Dir., of Goodnow Library to determine historical significance of the books. A letter would then be sent to the CPC and Ms. Green before their next meeting.

Town Manger Screening Update.

Jan Costa reported on the progress of the interview for the new Town Manger. Board of Selectman will be interviewing and voting at the next meeting.

Finance Report

Ms. Costa was able to report on the approximate funds available but would need final details once they are submitted for actual gross and net amount from the Hosmer Holiday Open House.

#### 484 North Road

A historical significant interior door and metal hardware was removed and temporarily placed in the basement of the Hosmer.

#### Hosmer House Open House/ Florence Hosmer Painting

During the December Open House some of Florence's paintings have been donated and an article will be submitted for publication.

#### Historic District

A need for a uniformed approach to preservation of Sudbury's historically significant sites should be established. Review of extending length of Demolition Delay period could help with the problem and seeking an outside consultation such as Chris Skelly. Working with the Sudbury Historic District Commission would be essential.

Next full meeting will be **Thursday February 13**, and members will be asked to vote on the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for 2020-2021. Also, members will be asked to state their goals for the upcoming year. Motion to adjourn. Seconded and all in favor.