

Town Of Sutton
Historic Commission Meeting Minutes
November 24th, 2015

Meeting Started at 7:15 p.m.

Members Present:

Mark Kellogg- Clerk Wally Baker -- Member
Paul Dunn -- Associate Member
Lori Funari - Member

Members Absent:

Donna Rossio -- Member
Keith Downer - Chairman

Wally Baker chaired the meeting in the absence of Keith Downer.

Review and Approve Minutes: Minutes from the October 2015 meeting were reviewed. After a brief discussion of what constitutes a quorum, Paul Dunn motioned and Lori Funari seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried 3-0-1, Mark Kellogg abstaining since he did not attend the meeting.

No public forum or hearing during this meeting

Old Business:

- a) W. Baker noted that a open meeting regarding the Manchaug village project was held on 15 November. Discussion was tabled until Keith Downer could be present since he attended the meeting.
- b) K. Downer joined the meeting at 7:23pm and continued as chair.
- c) K. Downer then briefed members on the MHC grant meeting that was held at Braxton Hall in Manchaug. There were 18 participants, members of MHC and our consultant. Betsy Friedberg from MHC noted that the meeting energy and participation was very good and one of the best that she had experienced. K. Downer felt most participant were very happy to participate and tell about their stories of the area and historic significance. It was noted how many residents left and then returned to Manchaug after college, military service or jobs. All the attended felt positively about the project. L. Funari and W. Baker noted that a future meeting would be held at the senior center to continue collection of residents stories. It was noted that any concerns regarding restrictions and taxes appear to have been alleviated and residents were on board with moving the project forward. W. Baker noted that in the 1920's there were 1200 residents in Manchaug, while only 400 resided in the town center. K. Downer noted his goal was to assure large turnouts for future public hearings and meetings for the project.

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New Business:

None

Announcements and Correspondence:

- a) Letter dated from 17November2015 from town clerk indicating the annual report from the Historical Commission covering the period 1July2014 thru 20June2015 is due in February 2016. The clerk agreed to complete the report for review by members.
- b) Shared a report from the State and PAL on the investigation into the berm breach on the Blackstone Canal that occurred earlier this year. Included a fascinating history of the facts and comments from outside parties on historical impacts. Report concluded that no archeological issues were identified and no further action required.

M. Kellogg made a motion to adjourn. L. Funari seconded. Vote: 5 in favor, no opposed. Motion Carries. Meeting adjourned at 7:46pm.

Respectfully Submitted: Mark Kellogg, Clerk



Keith Downer, Chair

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