

**Town Of Sutton
Historic Commission Meeting Minutes
January 19th, 2016**

Meeting Started at 7:04 p.m.

Members Present:

Keith Downer - Chairman

Mark Kellogg- Clerk Wally Baker – Member

Paul Dunn – Associate Member

Members Absent:

Donna Rossio – Member

Lori Funari - Member

Review and Approve Minutes: Minutes from the November 2015 meeting were not available for review. There was no meeting in December 2015.

No public forum or hearing during this meeting

Old Business:

- a) K. Downer noted the annual report is due by 10Feb and requested the clerk to complete the record and will provide missing minutes from April and May of 2015 that the clerk was not in attendance.
- b) K. Downer led a discussion of previous ideas to meet with the planning board to discuss the Sutton Center preservation plans. W. Baker proposed getting on the Planning Board agenda for the Feb meeting (8th or 22nd) rather than using a public forum at the Historic commission meeting. All agreed and Wally will discuss with planning board at their next meeting. Keith will also discuss with Keith Anderson.
- c) K. Downer provided members with email from Jen Hager (Sutton Planner) discussing the conference call with Mass Historic Commission on phase I of the historic district registry process for Manchaug village. The meeting included discussion of adding several features to the districting use of the insurance maps. Also discussed terminology to be used describing the mills and holdings. Keith noted the tremendous efforts by J. Hager to get this project developed. Also included was a letter from the project consultant (Kathleen Broomer) describing the boundaries and requesting approval to proceed.
- d) W. Baker is leading efforts to collect the oral history of Manchaug village. He will be conducting a collection at 1pm on 9Feb2016 at the Senior center. Senior center resident who lived and/or worked in Manchaug will be interviewed and recorded with the assistance of the Sutton public TV staff. The town manager and selectman were invited to participate.

New Business:

a) 234 Manchaug Road: Members reviewed a request to relocate portions of a stone wall to allow a wider driveway at the address. Photographs and aerial overview were reviewed. W. Baker noted that a scenic road designation may restrict the movement of walls, but that is not part of the commission purview. Commissioners agreed to respond to the planning board indicating that there do not appear to be any historic impacts. It is recommended that the wall be restocked with existing stone and that no new stone from outside be included so as to maintain the spirit of the wall.

Announcements and Correspondence:

- a) K. Downer provided correspondence from the Mass Historic Commission announcing annual awards with a 12 Feb 2016 submission date.
- b) A demolition delay workshop and round 22 of the preservation fund grant program were also announced.

P. Dunn made a motion to adjourn. W. Baker seconded. Vote: 4 in favor, no opposed. Motion Carries. Meeting adjourned at 7:46pm.

Respectfully Submitted: Mark Kellogg, Clerk

 03/08/10

Keith Downer, Chair