

Town of Sutton
Historic Commission Meeting Minutes

December 20th, 2016

Meeting Started at 7:04 p.m.

Members Present:

Mark Kellogg- Clerk

Wally Baker - member

Keith Downer - Chairman

Members Absent: Donna Rossio, Paul Dunn

Review and Approve Minutes: Minutes from the 22 November, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Vote was stayed to allow for more members to arrive.

No public forum or hearing during this meeting

Old Business:

- a) Manchaug District Update: K. Downer recent discussion with Jen Hager. Mass. Historical Commission should be able to submit the application to the National Park Service soon. Although there were some delays, residents and town administration are still positive. Although it was noted that Manchaug residents may not be aware of progress and some outreach to update may be appropriate. Members discussed potential impact of the old school site recently changing ownership. It was thought this should not impact the application.
- b) Halls Mills Easement: Members discussed followup on request from lawyers for the commission to review and approve transfer of ownership to a revocable living trust. A copy of the trust agreement and letter from counsel was previously sent to commission members. Members had no questions or comments. Keith Downer also noted that the commission is required to conduct an inspection of the premises to assure compliance with the historical preservation agreement. He will coordinate visit in early part of 2017.
- c) Merrill Ponds restoration project: Keith provided an update on the Merrill pond project proposed by the Army Corp of Engineers. He had received a document from Teghe and Bond describing the project in detail, including history of the area. The document was to be circulated to members and comments collected. Keith noted that the 8 Lots road area is adjacent to the Merrill ponds.

New Business:

- a) Keith reviewed the application from Rochelle Forsythe to serve as a member of the Historical Commission. Noting her experience and qualifications. Members agreed to recommend the Board of Selectman consider Rochelle for the position. KD will submit the paperwork to the town clerk for initiation of next actions.

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Announcements and Correspondence:

- a) Announcement for the Massachusetts Historical Commission preservation awards nominations for 2017 that would cover activities from 2013 to December 2016 were discussed. Due on 5Feb2017
- b) Round 23 of the preservation grants from MHC also discussed. Unlikely that Sutton would be eligible given receipt of monies in round 22.

Minutes from the 22November meeting were postponed to next meeting for lack of quorum.

W. Baker made a motion to adjourn. M. Kellogg seconded. Vote: 3 in favor, no opposed. Motion Carries. Meeting adjourned at 7:27pm.

Respectfully Submitted: Mark Kellogg, Clerk

Keith Downer, Chair