Town of Sutton Historic Commission Meeting Minutes

January 24th, 2017

Meeting Started at 7:03p.m.

Members Present:
Mark Kellogg- Clerk
Paul Dunn – member
Rochelle Forsythe - Alternate
Keith Downer - Chairman

Members Absent: Donna Rossio, Wally Baker

Review and Approve Minutes: Minutes from the 22 November, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Vote was stayed at previous meeting (Dec). P. Dunn and K. Downer approved. Total vote is 3,0,2 (Kellogg and Forsythe abstained as not present for meeting). Minutes from the 20December2016 meeting were reviewed but unable to vote due to lack of quorum. Will revisit at February meeting.

No public forum or hearing during this meeting

Old Business:

- a) Manchaug District Update: No new info on progress based on conversation that K. Downer had with Jen Hager (town planner). Noted that the town did receive grant payment from the state for the study. The letter accompanying the payment noted that the consultant (Ms. Broomer) has provided a very well done document to date and that the community engagement is exemplary.
- b) Merrill Ponds restoration project: K. Downer noted that the clerk was still holding the copy of the report and should bring so other members can review. M. Kellogg agreed and will bring to Feb meeting. There was one meeting with the Sutton Historical Society and the engineering firm who will be completing the work. Sutton Historical Commission will still need to provide a review of potential historic impact, but will be a few months for that action to start.
- c) Blackstone Bridge Replacement: Project released the 75% build out plan. K. Downer noted that a 23Jan email indicated the protective fencing to protect the canal during construction was added to the plan. Plan to be circulated among historical commission members.

New Business:

a) Trileaf Wireless Tower: located at 154 Town Farm Road a 150 foot monopole will be erected surrounded by a 60x80ft fence and access road. Letter received from Trileaf indicates that the commission needs to provide input on any potential impact to historical areas. The location is near the West Sutton Historical District. K. Downer noted this letter was dated 20Oct2016 and both M. Kellogg and K. Downer do recall some discussion at previous times, but earlier than Oct 2016. K. Downer will check with