Town of Sutton Historic Commission Meeting Minutes

February 21st, 2017

Meeting Started at 7:04p.m.

Members Present:
Mark Kellogg- Clerk
Wally Baker – member
Donna Rossio - member
Rochelle Forsythe - Alternate
Keith Downer - Chairman

Members Absent: Paul Dunn

Review and Approve Minutes: Minutes from the December, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Vote was stayed at previous meeting in January. M. Kellogg and K. Downer previously reviewed. W. Baker reviewed this evening. Motion to approve by M. Kellogg, 2nd by W. Baker. Total vote is 3,0,2 (Rossio and Forsythe abstained as not present for meeting). Minutes from the 24January2017 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by M. Kellogg, 2nd by W. Baker. Vote 4,0,1 (Rossio abstain)

No public forum or hearing during this meeting

Old Business:

- a) Manchaug District Update: Currently waiting for Mass Historical Commission to coordinate with archeologist to complete that portion of survey.
- b) Village District committee: Jen Hager updated K. Downer earlier that the project is now finalizing the proposed changes to the bylaws and which would create an overlay on the Sutton Center Historic district. Part of the conversations led to a proposal that the Historical Commission be allowed to grant exceptions to uses within the overlay. Further discussions at those meeting resulted in that authority be given to the Historical Commission and Planning Board to work together. There will be a public forum on the final proposal and will appear at next town meeting for vote by the town.
- c) Merrill Ponds restoration project: K. Downer showed members the new Expanded Environmental Notification Form received from Tighe and Bond describing the project in more details. Proposal will be circulated among the commission members. This project is still several years of planning and prep and will require the Historical Commission to review several aspects of the proposal.

New Business: None

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Announcements and Correspondence:

- a) 2016 Commonwealth of Massachusetts Historical Places Inventory was received.
- b) Reminder that the Citizen Planner conference will be held on 18 March 2017. Rochelle attempted to register but the website was not up for registration. She is planning to attend and will continue to look for registration information.

W. Baker made a motion to adjourn. M. Kellogg seconded. Vote: 5 in favor, no opposed. Motion Carries. Meeting adjourned at 7:27pm.

Respectfully/Submitted: Mark Kellogg, Clerk

Keith Downer, Chair