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Town of Sutton
Historic Commission Meeting Minutes
August 29th, 2023

Meeting Started at 7:04 p.m. Via Hybrid

Members Present: Via Roll Call.

Keith Downer – Chairman

Donna Rossio – Member - Remote Zoom

Rochelle Forsythe – Member

Christopher Leary – Member

Members Absent: Mark Brown – Clerk and Paul Dunn – Member

Review and Approve Minutes:

May 30th, 2023, minutes were approved by a vote. Vote carried a yes, by all present voting members (C. Leary, R. Forsythe, D. Rossio, and K. Downer)

Public forum: None.

Public hearing: None.

Board Business: M.H.C. inventory form updates submitted by D. Rossio. Two updates regarding Central Turnpike stone/rock supply history of a demolished property and 33 Buttonwood Rd. were presented to present members. D. Rossio also made a statement of her updated reports which included the history of a razed house on Central Turnpike. K. Downer noted that there is a planning review on two properties, 90 Armsby Rd and 27 Worcester Providence Turnpike. First review was Worc, Tpk. and D. Rossio noted she was not sure of the exact area. K. Downer noted it was north of the Drake Petroleum station on the east side of the highway, D. Rossio thought it was near an identified Native American site. It was noted that the site was closer to the vicinity of the power lines. No other comments by present members. Armsby Rd. review was then presented and R. Forsythe had stated she had driven by the site for viewing. D. Rossio was unsure of location, being near the Golf Course across the street. Submitted plan is to build a garage at a single residence. R. Forsythe stated that there were two residences and she believed the #90 wanted to add a garage to the lot. No historic impact was found for either property review, not to comment at all was decided by present members.

Old Business: Planning board article comments as stated in our minutes presented by the Clerk during the prior meeting. All present member viewed minutes. Planning board meeting on September 11th, 2023, was announced by K. Downer and that several properties were added to the overlay article. No comments made by present members. And it was agreed not to co-sponsor the Overlay article again.

New Business: K. Downer noted that Clerk M. Brown had asked to stepdown as Clerk, since he was spending time watching and re-watching the recorded meetings to make sure he had transcribed the minutes accurately. It was noted that he did an excellent job and if any members had an interest in filling the position. All present responded no and C. Leary stated that the Clerks shoes were big shoes to fill. K. Downer thought it may be a possible rotating position. That answer needs to be investigated. K, Downer also asked for any interest in the Chair position. All present responded no and D. Rossio stated she preferred to do research, not Chair.

Announcements / Correspondence: K. Downer presented the 2022 M.H.C. Register of historic places issue and it was available for viewing by any members. D. Rossio stated that all that information is online and use of the book is not needed.

* A motion to adjourn was made by D. Rossio and seconded by C. Leary at 7:30p.m., it was Carried by all members present. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:
Keith Downer, Chair

