

Town of Sutton
Historic Commission Meeting Minutes
June 25th, 2019

Meeting Started at 7:04 p.m.

Members Present:

Rochelle Forsythe - member,
Paul Dunn - member
Wally Baker – member
Mark Brown – Alternate member
Mark Kellogg- Clerk
Keith Downer - Chairman

Members Absent: Donna Rossio – member,

Review and Approve Minutes: Minutes from the 2019 May 21st meeting were reviewed , PD moved to approve, RF seconded, approved 6,0,0

No public hearing during this meeting

No public forum

Old Business:

- a) K. Downer noted that Manchaug Historical District certificates for property owners have been finalized and he is working with Jen Hager to get the certificates distributed to the property owners in the district. Keith thanked Rochelle for her assistance in getting this project completed.
- b) K. Downer updated members on previous discussions regarding the cemetery restoration project. In particular it was determined that Sutton has not adopted the Commonwealth laws regarding gravestone (MGL Chapter 272, section 73A). As the request of the chair, the Sutton Historical Commission is recommending that the project participants and collaborators will commit to following Massachusetts Historical Commission guidelines (950 CMR 41) and regulations as set forth in MGL Chapter 272, section 73A
- c) K. Downer noted that that Pearson family has accepted the role of Parade Marshal for the 2019 4th of July parade. Members discussed changing the certificate to a plaque to commemorate the family living in same home for several generations.
- d) K. Downer read portions of letter from GZA Engineering regarding the breaching of the dam at Sibley Reservoir. The letter describes the plan for permanent resolution. W. Baker noted the water behind the dam is now gone and construction equipment present. The draining did not appear to create an issues downstream.

New Business:

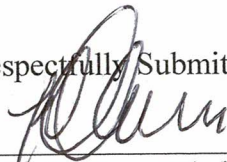
- a) None

Announcements and Correspondence:

- a) Paul Dunn noted the 4th of July celebration would include walking tours of 20 historic properties surrounding the common. The tour would be self-guided with materials available in the common.
- b) Paul Dunn recommended the American Heritage Museum in Hudson as worthy of visiting.
- c) K. Downer noted that Paul Dunn and Wally Baker were re-appointed to 3 years terms on the Historical Commission. Keith also thanked all members past and present for their service.

M. Kellogg made a motion to adjourn. P. Dunn seconded. Vote: 6 in favor, no opposed.
Motion Carries. Meeting adjourned at 7:27pm.

Respectfully Submitted: Mark Kellogg, Clerk

 08-27-19

Keith Downer, Chair