

Town of Sutton  
Historic Commission Meeting Minutes  
August 27th, 2019

Meeting Started at 7:02 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 June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting were reviewed , Paul Dunn moved to approve, Wally Baker seconded, approved 6,0,0

No public hearing during this meeting

No public forum

Open Discussions and Updates:

- a) Keith Downer noted the cemetery restoration project was a huge success with over forty-five (45) individuals participating throughout the day. The subject matter experts provided instruction on cleaning headstones and restoration of the area. Keith noted that along with his daughter he worked on gravestones from individuals who had previously lived in his current historic residence. Approximately 25 stones were cleaned and 2 restored at this event. Keith noted appreciation to all the participants and that future dates would be posted. Paul Dunn noted the advertisements appeared to be one key factor in the increased awareness and attendance at the event.
- b) K. Downer updated the members on a recent visit he made to the Free Grace Marble Farm. During his walk he noted the natural stone bridge and numerous rock walls throughout the property and suggested that the Historical Commission should consider a walking tour and assist the property owner in scheduling some events to promote the historical site.

Old Business:

- a) K. Downer read portions of a letter dated 17July2019 from the Town Clerk regarding the 15 July 2019 meeting of the Planning board review and approval for stone wall modifications at 188 Mendon Road. W. Baker (a member of the Planning Board) commented that the applicant was very willing to work with the Planning Board to address concerns regarding maintaining the walls to historic guidelines. K. Downer and M. Kellogg noted that this particular plan had not been reviewed by the Historical Committee. W. Baker noted that he provided a historical impact as part of his input to the planning board decision making.

- b) K. Downer provided members a copy of the Manchaug Historic District Certificate for review and thanked those who had contributed to the project.
- c) P. Dunn noted that the Sutton Fourth parade and events was a great success. Members discussed how the historical tour portion went, the food trucks seemed always busy and the great work on keeping trash and debris minimized by attendees and the Fourth workers. The parade and events are already scheduled for Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup> of June 2020.

New Business:

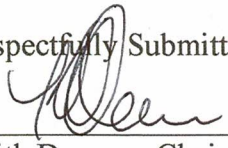
- a) None

Announcements and Correspondence:

- a) Members were reminded by W. Baker that the planning board and Town Planner (Jen Hager) would be hosting a meeting on Thursday 29 August to discuss the affordable housing situation in Sutton. Particular interest in how the town can/should address the needs of residents who wish to downsize and children who wish to stay in town as then gain independence. The meeting will be at 6:30pm in the Town Hall.
- b) P. Dunn noted that the Sutton 4H Club would be at the Spencer fair this coming weekend.

W. Baker made a motion to adjourn. R. Forsythe seconded. Vote: 6 in favor, no opposed. Motion Carries. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Respectfully Submitted: Mark Kellogg, Clerk

 09-17-19  
Keith Downer, Chair