

**Town of Hopedale  
Historical Commission Meeting Agenda  
Wednesday, January 10, 2024**

**Hopedale Town Hall  
Draper Room - 7 p.m.**

**Hopedale Massachusetts**

**THIS IS A HYBRID MEETING – IN PERSON AND VIA ZOOM LINK BELOW**

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Topic: Historical Commission

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**There was no Historical Commission meeting held in December 2023.**

**This meeting was rescheduled from January 4, 2024.**

**Call to Order and attendance** - Jonathan

**Minutes** from the June, September, October, November 2022 monthly HHC meetings; the January, February, March, May, September 7<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup>, October 2023 HHC monthly meetings; June, July 2022, and August 10, 2023 HHC special meetings. The April, August, and December 2023 HHC monthly meetings were cancelled.

**Treasurer’s Report** – Sue C.

- **Expenses**
  - **Archival supplies from Gaylord**
  - **Ink for LRSM copier**
- **Donations**

## Old Business

- **SHRAB Regrant** – General Draper papers – inventory – update – Sue C. and Pat
- **Collection, Accession + Deaccession policies, Deed-of-Gift form** – update – Sue C.
- Donation of **remaining looms at SSE** in our charge to North Carolina Textile Museum – no update
- Loom Rigger Vito Lom information sent to Peter Dills and Bill Efron – update – Sue C.
  - Additional information sent to Sue C. about the non-profit that will partner with the University of Minnesota for the restoration of the XD loom.
- **Signs at Green Store** – no update – Bev Carver
- **LRSM Wayside Panel Project** – no update – Sue C. and Pat
- **NPS – VIP Banner** for pop-up – no update – Sue C.
- **Sr. Real Estate Tax Credit Volunteer Projects and hours** – Sue C., Bev Carver, and Pat G.
- **Digital Commonwealth** – Hopedale Annual Town Reports – update – Sue C.
  - The digitization is complete. The reports need to be picked up from the BPL. We would like to locate and digitize Hopedale’s resident listings. The BML is in the process of determining their inventory of these reports – no update
- **NPS Monthly Meeting** – There was no meeting held in November or December with NPS personnel. No confirmation yet received for a January meeting.
- **Hopedale Community House** – for temporary workspace for LRSM inventory project – update - Sue C. and Pat G.
- **Complete Streets Grant – Adin Street – Public Hearing held** November 9<sup>th</sup>?
- **LRSM Volunteer Team Meetings** – Bev, Pat, and Sue C. – 11/1, 8, 15, 29; 12/6, 13. Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, 1/17 at 11 a.m.
- **Metadata Meeting** - Pat and Sue C. – October 27<sup>th</sup>
- **IT News** – New desktop and two new laptops delivered and setup for the LRSM on 12/6. A folder has been established on the Town server for our HHC and LRSM files.
- **Meeting with Town Administrator Mitch Ruscitti** – updates from October – Bev and Sue C.
  - **Cultural Facilities Fund** – will the Town apply for Town Hall restoration?
  - **Little Red Shop Museum Architectural Drawings** – Has Tighe and Bond been able to utilize them for providing regional cost data updates to the February 2023 LRSM Conditions Assessment and Preliminary Estimate Report originally provided by the Oklahoma-based NPS architect?
- **Meeting with Attorney Gerry Moody** – no further meetings – update – need to send him information on 2015 NCCHP and 2019 SSE loom storage agreements, and 2015 donation agreement to the Windham Textile and History Museum in Willimantic, CT – Sue C.
- **Sponsorship letters (10/11) for two HCC grant applications for programs for LRSM for 2024 for Linda Hixon** – Sue C. - update
- **Blackstone Heritage Corridor Board of Directors and Governance Committee** – in person meeting 11/30 at Open Sky in Whitinsville - update Sue C.
- **Downtown Winter Stroll and Shop Hop** (sponsored by the FoHH) – December 2<sup>nd</sup> – update – approximately \$500 in Gift Shoppe “sales” plus \$120 in vendor fees donated by the FoHH for LRSM Donation Account.

- **Decorating the LRSM for the holidays** – only decorated the front of the LRSM and the interior
- **Localtownpages** – the article prepared for reporter Theresa Knapp by Sue C. about the LRSM Inventory Project, SHRAB Grants, and digitization of the Town's Annual Reports were not printed in the December 2023 issue of Hopedale's monthly newspaper. The information provided on The Heist program on December 13<sup>th</sup> was also not printed.
- **Localtownpages** – update - the article submitted by Sue C. to Theresa Knapp for the December publication has been published in the January edition. The article is entitled, "An update on the Little Red Shop Museum, featuring archival grants and volunteer grit."

### **New Business**

- Moment of silence for former Historical Commission Member/Treasurer **Raymond Andreotti**, who passed on Christmas morning 2023.
- **LRSM Holiday Card** – update - Sue C. Received permission from Gina Andreotti Kovach to use her Dad's image of the LRSM for new LRSM holiday cards.
- **LRSM Exhibit Case Grant from BVT** – update - Bev – Met with Mark Fitzpatrick, Carpentry Vocational Instructor on 11/15/2023.
- **2023 LRSM Senior Tax Credit Volunteer Appreciation gathering** – 12/27/2023
- **2024 Sr. Real Estate Tax Credit Volunteer Program** – Sue C., Bev Carver, and Pat G.
- **Blackstone Heritage Corridor Board (BHC) Volunteer-In-Parks** – Volunteer Appreciation update – Sue C. among those who were recognized for 250+ volunteer hours on 12/4 at Open Sky in Whitinsville.
- **Blackstone Heritage Corridor (BHC) Volunteer-In-Parks (VIP)** - Sue C. will attend a training for VIP administrators on 1/31/2024 to review the new NPS requirements for the VIP Program. Included will be changes to the program, safety, VIP Forms, VIP Policies, and the new Background Check Policy. Sue logs both her hours and those of other LRSM volunteers who are signed up as VIPs. Better Impact (the BHC software) tracks those hours. From 10/01/2022 through 9/30/2023, LRSM VIPs logged almost 1,500 hours. These hours serve as in-kind contributions on behalf of BHC for any grants for which they apply.
- **The Heist - THE STORY OF THE UNSOLVED \$500m. GARDNER MUSEUM THEFT** – by author Bob Ainsworth. This **free** presentation took place on Wednesday, 12/13, at the LRSM – update – Sue C.
- **HHC Annual Report** – for the period 7/1/2022 – 6/30/2023 due to Town Administrator by 2/1/2024.
- **Rosenfeld Concrete** – emails from Kelly Gillis, daughter of a former Rosenfeld employee, regarding the preservation of Rosenfeld artifacts and ephemera.
- **Uxbridge Historical Commission/Historical Society** – At the request of Mary Beauchamp, Chair of the Uxbridge Historical Commission and Secretary of the Uxbridge Historical Society, representatives of these two organizations will meet on Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. at the LRSM. HHC members are welcome to join the meeting. The topic is the restoration of Uxbridge's Farnum House. This publicly owned building is no longer able to be used. They are interested in learning about what was done for the 2007 restoration of the LRSM.

## **Public Comments**

Other items not anticipated in the last 48 hours

**Next meeting:** Thursday, February 1, 2024, 7 p.m.

## **Adjourn**

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