

**Town of Hopedale
Historical Commission Meeting Agenda
Thursday, March 07, 2024**

**Little Red Shop Museum
12 Hopedale Street
Hopedale, Massachusetts
7 p.m.**

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

Note: If you wish to speak, please reserve comments until the Public Comment section of the meeting. If you are using video, you may either raise your hand to be acknowledged by the Chair or use the “Raise Your Hand” button. Please wait to speak until you are acknowledged by the Chair. If participants cannot conduct themselves in accordance with these guidelines, they will be removed from the meeting.

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Topic: Historical Commission

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By Lisa M. Pedrolì at 4:24 pm, Mar 05, 2024

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Call to Order and attendance - Jonathan

Minutes from the June, September, October, November 2022 monthly HHC meetings; the January, February, March, May, September 7th, and 18th, October, November 2023, January, and February 2024 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
- Donations

Old Business

- **SHRAB Regrant** – General Draper papers – inventory – no update – Sue C. and Pat
- **Collection, Accession + Deaccession policies, Deed-of-Gift form** – no 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 – no 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** – 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** – update - Sue C., Bev, and Pat G.
- **Digital Commonwealth** – Hopedale Residential Listings – update – Bev
 - We would like to locate and digitize a complete set of Hopedale’s residential listings. The BML has provided us with a listing of their inventory of these reports – update
- **NPS Monthly Meeting** – In lieu of the monthly meeting with NPS, there was an in-person meeting with the Blackstone Valley Tribal Roundtable at the LRSM on February 7th (see new business).
- **Complete Streets Grant – Adin Street** – update?
- **LRSM Volunteer Team Meetings** – Bev, Pat, and Sue C. – Wednesdays 2/14, 16, 21, and 31. Worked on revisions to Volunteer Form for both Sr. Volunteers/Other LRSM Volunteers.
- **Metadata** – update Sue C.
- **Meeting with Attorney Gerry Moody** – update – Sue C.
- **Localtownpages** – Reporter Theresa Knapp reached out to Sue C. for information on Hopedale women’s history for their March issue. Sue referred her to Linda Hixon, President of Women’s History Project.
- **LRSM Exhibit Case Grant from BVT** – update – Bev
- **2024 Sr. Real Estate Tax Credit Volunteer Program** – update Sue C., Bev Carver, and Pat G.
 - Met with new volunteers Mary Margaret Mulrone and Diane Rosse on 2/2, and 2/8.
 - The first volunteer orientation for 2024 was held at LRSM at 2 p.m. on 2/16.
 - 2/23 – Pat, Sue C., BL, KP at LRSM – 1st work session on book inventory “metadata.”
 - 2/27 – Bev and KW – 1st work session for 2024 on Grand Properties Exhibit.
 - 2/28 – Sue C. and SH at LRSM – 1st work session on book inventory “metadata.”
- **Blackstone Heritage Corridor (BHC) Volunteer-In-Parks (VIP)** - Sue C.
- **HHC Annual Report** – for the period 7/1/2022 – 6/30/2023 submitted to Kelly Grant, Town Administrator’s office on 2/29.

- **Rosenfeld Concrete** – emails from Kelly Gillis, daughter of a former Rosenfeld employee, regarding the preservation of Rosenfeld artifacts and ephemera – no update.
- **Uxbridge Historical Commission/Historical Society** –They have yet to request to reschedule.

New Business

Blackstone Valley Tribal Roundtable – An in-person meeting was held at the LRSM on February 7th with NPS personnel Eric Breitreutz, Kevin Klyberg, Rebekah Krieger, Kevin Rice, and several representatives of the Tribal Roundtable and Friends of the Blackstone. The purpose of the meeting was for preliminary discussion to brainstorm events or programming that can highlight tribal history and culture in the town of Hopedale, and to inform the Community about the importance of ecological stewardship. Attended by Sue C., Bev, and Town Administrator Mitch Ruscitti.

Mitch Ruscitti and Sue C. received two documents from Tribal Roundtable Chair Steven Peters. It was sent on behalf of Smoke Signals, his own firm. One document is a high-level overview of their process and the other an Interpretive Master Plan for Exhibits and Programming. Sue forwarded them to NPS personnel and other HHC members for consideration.

MHC (Massachusetts Historical Commission) MPPF Round 30 Grant Application - LRSM – Sue C. met via Zoom with NPS representatives Kevin Rice, Kevin Klyberg, and Rebekah Krieger (NE Region) regarding this grant application, which is due Friday, March 15th. We need to obtain letters of support and it was suggested that we submit for the study necessary for the preparation of plans and specification/historic structures reports for the Little Red Shop Museum. With planning projects, the architectural/engineering fees to conduct such studies are eligible for funding. Costs associated with the project signage, photography, and legal ads are also eligible for reimbursement. This grant is a state-funded 50% reimbursable matching grant program. BRVNHP Superintendent Eric Breitreutz already emailed a Letter of Support to Sue C. on March 4th.

Open Meeting Law Clarification - An email with legal opinion documentation, was sent to all Hopedale Boards and Commissions from Town Administrator Mitch Ruscitti, regarding OML violations and how to avoid them. Documentation concerning a 2018 violation by the Ashland Board of Health was attached for our reference.

LRSM website email – We learned that we were not being notified if the public reached out to us via the LRSM website email (info@littleredshopmuseum.org). Rob Russell of Hopedale Technologies was notified and has fixed the problem. “Word Press” notifications are now being sent to LRSM webmaster Bev Carver and Co-chair, Sue C.

Franklin Historical Commission – Alan Earls, Chair – Extended an email invitation to other museums and historical societies along the Route 140 corridor “that connects us and the famous New England ‘leaf-peeper’ season,” to work together regarding ‘a common problem – limited public interest and participation.’” He suggests that this could “boost the visibility of each of our institutions ‘from Shrewsbury to Foxboro . . . or put another way, between the glories of New England Apple Country and the powerful magnet of Patriot Place.’” He recommends that “all of our museums could be open for similar hours on 2 – 3 weekends during October; with some advertising and promotion . . . we could give people in the region and people from out-of-state, a strong inducement to ‘stay local,’ – visiting our museums, as well as farm stands, fairs, restaurants, etc.” The Grafton Historical Society is hosting a hybrid in-person/Zoom kickoff meeting at their museum on Saturday, March 9th at 10 a.m.

2007 LRSM Restoration Engineering Plans – Sue C. had the plans scanned and shared them with Town Administrator Mitch Ruscitti for Tighe and Bond.

First Friday Tea – Grafton Historical Society – Sue C. and Pat attended this event on Friday, March 1st. They had an opportunity to meet with members of the Grafton Historical Society and Grafton residents. A volunteer gave a tour to Pat and Sue C. of their museum.

Public Comments

Other items not anticipated in the last 48 hours

Next meeting: Thursday, April 4, 2024, 7 p.m.

Adjourn

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