

**Town of Hopedale
Historical Commission Meeting Agenda
Thursday, April 04, 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. Pedroli at 4:08 pm, Apr 02, 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, February, and March 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
- Donation of **XD loom at SSE** in our charge to University of Minnesota (Peter Dills and Bill Efron) – update – Sue C.
 - Clarification received from Peter Dills on 12/19/2023, staff engineer at the University of Minnesota, that he does not represent the University of Minnesota *specifically* with regard to the acquisition of the loom, but rather the organization, *Draper Loom Research, LLC*, that was specifically created, and will be dedicated to the research and restoration of the loom with assistance from students and faculty interested in the project at the University.

“Our organization’s vision and mission are to provide in-depth historical, educational, and functional research on the complete restoration and operation of the Draper XD loom (relative to the 1940’s – 1960’s), and to further share this research with the University and larger Draper and power loom community. Research will be published and available in physical form and with audio and visual content freely on our commissioned project website, draperloomresearch.org.”

- **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.
- **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
- **NPS Monthly Meeting** – did not meet in March – Sue C.
- **Complete Streets Grant – Adin Street** – update?
- **LRSM Volunteer Team Meetings** – Bev, Pat, and Sue C. – Wednesdays 3/6, 13
- **Meeting with Attorney Gerry Moody** – no update – Sue C.
- **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 volunteers Mary Margaret Mulrone and Diane Rosse on 3/7 regarding Cotton Chats Project
- **Blackstone Heritage Corridor (BHC) Volunteer-In-Parks (VIP)** - Sue C.
 - **New VIP training** at BHC office on Thursday, June 20th from 6 – 7:30 p.m. (25 people max).
 - **National Volunteer Week Celebration** – Saturday, April 27th from 1 – 3:30 p.m. at Slater Mill in Pawtucket, RI.

- **Rosenfeld Concrete** – emails from Kelly Gillis, daughter of a former Rosenfeld employee, regarding the preservation of Rosenfeld artifacts and ephemera – no update.
- **Blackstone Valley Tribal Roundtable** – Proposal received from Tribal Roundtable Chair Steven Peters on behalf of Smoke Sygnals, his own firm – update - Sue C.
 - No follow-up discussion nor communication yet received from Mitch Ruscitti, TA regarding the proposal, which included one high-level overview document about their process and the other an Interpretive Master Plan for Exhibits and Programming. Follow-up email received from Kevin Klyberg, BRVNHP regarding the proposal
- **MHC (Massachusetts Historical Commission) MPPF Round 30 Grant Application - LRSM** – update - Sue C. – upon further investigation, it was agreed at the last HHC meeting that insufficient documentation could be prepared by the March 15, 2024 application deadline (especially to generate an RFP).
 - Note: A request for proposal (RFP) is both the process and documentation used in soliciting bids for a contracted service that is required by a government agency (in this case it is the MHA (the Massachusetts Historical Commission on behalf of the state of Massachusetts). Creation of the RFP will require the assistance and guidance of the Town Administrator’s office.
- **Route 140 Corridor - Museums and Historical Societies Inaugural Meeting** – The Grafton Historical Society hosted a hybrid in-person/Zoom kickoff meeting at their museum on Saturday, March 9th. The meeting was chaired by Franklin Historical Commission Chair, Alan Earls. Bev, Karen, and Sue C. attended the meeting.
- **2007 LRSM Restoration Engineering Plans** – update - Sue C. Need to follow-up with Town Administrator Mitch Ruscitti.

New Business

- **Digitization of Draper Company/Draper Corporation Cotton Chats** – Sue C. and Bev Carver
- **Visit by Digital Commonwealth to HJSHS** – update – Bev
 - *Cotton Chats*
 - Books at LRSM and HJSHS
- **Glass Negatives at HJSHS** – to be digitized by way of Linda Hixon, local historian
- **Cotton Chats at HJSHS** – Pat G. and Bev
- **Wooden Cabinet in Town Hall Basement** – Sue C. and Ty Erickson (father of HHC alternate Heather Dupuis) went to check out the cabinet on 3/14 to determine if it can be disassembled for removal from the Town Hall basement and move to the Little Red Shop Museum LRSM. It appears that it can be disassembled. Need someone to disassemble (cordless drill needed) and move the cabinet. Sue C. needs to notify Mitch Ruscitti, TA.
- **Massachusetts History Alliance Annual Conference – Monday, June 3, 2024**

Public Comments

Other items not anticipated in the last 48 hours

Next meeting: Thursday, May 2, 2024, 7 p.m.

Adjourn

On July 16, 2022, Lt. Governor Polito, as Acting Governor, signed into law An Act Extending Certain COVID-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency. Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023 authorized a further extension – until March 31, 2025 – of the remote meeting provisions established by the initial March 12, 2020 Executive Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law. Section (1) of the executive order allowing public access through adequate, alternative means is independent from Section (2), which allows members of the public body to participate remotely. The public body may conduct its proceedings under the relief provided in section (1) or (2) or both.