

**Town of Hopedale
Historical Commission Meeting Agenda
Thursday, May 2, 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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By Lisa M. Pedroli at 3:21 pm, Apr 30, 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, March, and April 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**
 - Renewal of littleredshopmuseum.org domain name for 5 years
- **Donations**

Old Business

- **Community Preservation Committee** – update – Jonathan
- **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 – update – Sue
- Donation of **XD loom at SSE** in our charge to University of Minnesota (Peter Dills and Bill Efron) – update – Sue C.
- **Signs at Green Store** – no update – Bev Carver
- **LRSM Wayside Panel Project** – no update – Sue C. and Pat
- **NPS – VIP Banner for pop-up** – update – received 4/27/2024 - Sue C.
- **Digital Commonwealth** – Hopedale Residential Listings – update – Bev
- **NPS Monthly Meeting** – did not meet in April – next meeting is 5/8 at 10 a.m. - Sue C. suggests we prepare an agenda.
- **Complete Streets Grant – Adin Street** – update?
- **LRSM Volunteer Team Meetings** – Bev, Pat, and Sue C. – Wednesdays 4/10, 4/24, 5/1
- **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.
- **National Volunteer Week Celebration** – Saturday, 4/27 from 1 – 3:30 p.m. at Slater Mill in Pawtucket, RI - Sue C. attended on behalf of the LRSM.
- **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 direct communication yet received from Mitch Ruscitti, TA regarding the proposal.
- **Route 140 Corridor - Museums and Historical Societies Inaugural Meeting** – no update
- **2007 LRSM Restoration Engineering Plans** – update - Sue C. met with T/A Executive Assistant Kelly Grant
- **Digitization of Draper Company/Draper Corporation Cotton Chats** – update Sue C. and Bev Carver
- **Cotton Chats at HJSHS** – update – Sue C.
- **Wooden Cabinet in Town Hall Basement** – Sue C. notified Kelly Grant of intent to disassemble and move the cabinet to the LRSM. Still need someone to disassemble and move the cabinet. Kelly Merchant to check with her son.

- **Massachusetts History Alliance Annual Conference – Monday, June 3, 2024** – Bev, Pat, and Sue C. to attend.

New Business

- **Blackstone Heritage Corridor (BHC) Volunteer-In-Parks (VIP)** - Sue C.
 - **New VIP training** at BHC office on Thursday, 6/20 from 6 – 7:30 p.m. (25 people max).
- **44th Hopedale Day In The Park** – Saturday, 9/21, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Do we want to have a table? The LRSM will be open for the event and will have merchandise available for purchase.
- **Whitinsville/Northbridge – Ken Warchol’s Final Historic Trolley Tour** – Saturday, 5/18, 3 p.m. – Sue C. has reserved 5 seats and has corresponded with Christine Johnson and has inquired as to whether the Tour will be videotaped. The Tour is no charge thanks to a generous donation from Unibank.
- **Flag Day Ceremony at LRSM** - Friday, 6/14 at 6 p.m. – organizer – Tom Beder
- **8th Annual FoHH Fairy Walk** – Saturday, 6/8, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. – LRSM will be open for the event.
- **LRSM to reopen for 2024** – Wednesday, 5/8, 6 – 8 p.m.
- **Senior Tax Credit Volunteer Orientation** - Wednesday, 5/8, 2 p.m.
- **Brush cleared along shore behind LRSM** – community service project led by Eagle Scout Ryan Dupuis, with assistance from Colton, Cameron, and Bethany Cassidy. All brush along the shore removed from the front of the LRSM by the Highway Department.
- Donation of **non-Draper, non-Hopedale books** at LRSM to North Carolina Textile Museum – Sr. Tax Volunteer Project – Sue C. (books to be stored off of the stage at Town Hall – okay per Kelly Grant)
- **LRSM Holiday Decorations** – moved by Highway Department personnel for storage off the left side of the stage at Town Hall – okay per Kelly Grant.
- **Mendon Historical Society** – Bev, Pat, and Sue C. met with Ruth Grady and Amy DeWitt on Wednesday, 4/17. Discussion included locating an early map of “Mother Mendon,” collaboration regarding the history of Indigenous peoples of “Mother Mendon,” and the consensus that we (Mendon Historical Society and Hopedale’s LRSM leadership team (and possibly other surrounding local museums and historical societies) meet periodically (quarterly?), to share information and consider collaborative efforts.
- **Upton Historical Museum** – Thursday, 5/2, 10 a.m. – noon. Arranged with Linda Gay, UHS.
- **Oral History Project** – Susan Scanlon, Linda Hixon – Sue C. met with them Thursday, 4/25.
- **BHC Networking Meeting at Worcester Visitor Center** – Pat G. attended Monday, 4/29.
- **Graduate Student Sophia Studley at Roger Williams University, Master of Architecture Program** – She wants to do her thesis on the Draper Factory. Sue C. has exchanged a few emails and held a

Zoom meeting with her on Monday, 4/29. Sue will be collaborating with her over the coming months to assist her with access and recommendations for resources for her thesis.

- **DAV – Lawrence J. Heron Chapter 6 75th Anniversary Plaque** – personalized by Tristan Hixon with Mr. Heron’s WWII photograph per request of Sue C.
- **WWI William Larson Scrapbook** – donated to the LRSM by his daughter Jennifer Larson, via Kathi Wright.

Public Comments

Other items not anticipated in the last 48 hours

Next meeting: Thursday, June 6, 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.