

**Town of Hopedale
Historical Commission
Meeting Agenda
Monday, September 18, 2023
Little Red Shop Museum
12 Hopedale Street
Hopedale MA
7 p.m.**

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

Note: The Agenda for the September 7, 2023 Historical Commission Meeting was tabled for a future meeting by a unanimous roll call vote taken after a lengthy discussion concerning the **Complete Streets Grant – Adin Street** under New Business.

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 meeting.

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Town of Hopedale is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Historical Commission Time: This is a recurring meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

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Call to Order and attendance – Co-Chair

Minutes from the June, September, October, November 2022 monthly HHC meetings; the January, February, March, May, and June 2023 HHC monthly meetings; June and July 2022 and August 10, 2023 HHC special meetings. The April 6, 2023 HHC monthly meeting was cancelled due to a lack of quorum; the August 3, 2023 HHC monthly meeting was cancelled due to no Internet access available at the Little Red Shop Museum.

Treasurer’s Report – Sue C.

- **Expenses**

- **Donations**
- **Reconciliation of FY2023 LRSM and HHC accounts to ledger**
- **FY2023 Year-end budget transfers and encumbrances**

Old Business

- **SHRAB Regrant** – General Draper papers – inventory – update – Sue C.
- **Accession + Deaccession policies** – update – Sue C.
- **Deed-of-Gift** – update – Sue C.
- **Donation of remaining looms** at SSE in our charge to North Carolina Textile Museum – update – Sue C.
- No update from Mac Whatley from the North Carolina Textile Museum.
- **Peter Dills**, University of Minnesota visited on Friday, June 2nd to view **XD loom** and tour SSE.
- **Signs at Green Store** – update – Bev Carver
- **Capital Planning/ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act)** – possible funds available for LRSM?
- **Eagle Scout Project** – Troop One Hopedale Life Scout Ryan Dupuis – update
- **LRSM Wayside Panel Project** – update – Sue C. and Pat
- **NPS – VIP Banner** for pop-up – 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.
- **Fairy Walk** – update – Sue C.
- **Hopedale Flag Day Ceremony – LRSM** – update – Sue C.
- **Hopedale Community House 100th Year Celebration** – update – Sue C.
- **Appointments by Select Board – June 12th** – Bev Carver as HHC Member to complete term of James O'Malley; Heather Dupuis as HHC Alternate Member
- **Massachusetts History Alliance Conference** – June 5, 2023 – Sue C., Pat and Kathi Wright attended – update
- **Historical Commission CD from the State of Massachusetts, Roles, and Responsibilities** – update – Sue C.
- **NPS Monthly Meetings** – June 14th, July 12th, and August 9th – update – Sue C., Pat, and Bev

New Business

- **Met with new Town Administrator** – Mitchell Ruscitti – July 5th
- **Blackstone Heritage Corridor Board (BHC) Volunteer-In-Parks** – update – Sue C.
- **Blackstone Heritage Corridor Board of Directors** – Sue C.
- **James Hunt - Draper Factory demolition video** – now on LRSM website – Bev
- **Request made to Hopedale Community House** – for temporary workspace for LRSM inventory project – Sue C.
- **NPS Ranger Walkabout – Whitinsville** – June 22nd – Sue C.
- **NPS Ranger Walkabout – Hopedale** – July 6th – Sue C. and Pat
- **Day In The Park** – Saturday, September 23rd – 10 a.m. till 4 p.m.
- **Complete Streets Grant – Adin Street – Special HHC Meeting** with Town Administrator Mitch Ruscitti – August 10th, 7 p.m.

- Letter from concerned citizen and response from the Town Administrator
- **History Camp** – August 12th – Sue C.
 - Mike Potaski – Uxbridge – Research volunteers needed for proposed project – Identification of Native Americans, enslaved people, and/or African Americans in the Blackstone Valley
- **Visit to LRSM by Don Draper and Family** – Sunday, August 13th – Bev, Pat, Sue C. and Karen
- **WWII Program** in Whitinsville at Alternatives – the role towns played in the “Blackstone Valley” – Sue C.
- **Bellingham Historical Museum** – Marjorie Turner Hollman – August 23rd – Sue C.
- **Eco-systems Pest Control** – Friday, August 25th
- **Paper Preservation 101** – free webinar – Thursday, September 7th – 2 p.m. - Sue C., and Bev
- **Resource Stewardship Scout Ranger Certificate and patch** – Ryan Dupuis + Jackson Staheli, Troop One
- **Inquiry by TA Mitch Ruscitti about any prior Town Hall Renovation Studies** – Sue C.
- **Massachusetts Historical Commission** – Fall Virtual Workshop Schedule – Sue C. (email 8/13)
- **Massachusetts Historical Commission** – Preservation Projects Fund Awards – Round 29 – Sue C. (email 8/13)
- **National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC)** – Messaging Guide for Local Preservation Programs (email 8/13)
- **Harrison N. Thibault Donation via Nelson Thibault, son** – 2009 and now

Public Comments

Other items not anticipated in the last 48 hours

Next meeting: Thursday, October 5, 2023, 7 p.m.

Adjourn

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