

**Town of Hopedale  
Historical Commission Meeting Agenda  
Thursday, November 2, 2023  
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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Town of Hopedale is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Historical Commission Time: This is a recurring meeting

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**Call to Order and attendance**

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*By Lisa M. Pedroli at 3:10 pm, Oct 31, 2023*

**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 and July 2022 and August 10, 2023 HHC special meetings. The April and August 2023 HHC monthly meeting 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
- **Signs at Green Store** – update – Bev Carver
- **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. reached out to Jake Sadow (again) on October 12<sup>th</sup> regarding the status. The digitization is completed. Next, we would like to locate and digitize Hopedale’s resident listings. The BML is in the process of determining their inventory of these reports.
- **Historical Commission CD from the State of Massachusetts, Roles, and Responsibilities** – update – Sue C.
- **NPS Monthly Meeting** – Hopedale monthly meeting held October 11<sup>th</sup> at the LRSM. Sue, Pat, and Bev met with Kevin Rice from the BRVNHP. Superintendent Eric Breitzkreutz was unable to attend.
- **Hopedale Community House** – for temporary workspace for LRSM inventory project – update Sue C.
- **Complete Streets Grant – Adin Street** – see new business item
- **History Studio on the Commons: The Central Massachusetts Black History Collaborative** – Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 3 – 4:30 p.m. by Mike Potaski, local historian, and genealogist from Uxbridge – Sue C.
- **LRSM Volunteer Team Meetings** – Bev, Pat, and Sue C. – October 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>
- **Metadata Meeting** - Pat and Sue C. – October 27<sup>th</sup>

## New Business

- **Complete Streets Public Hearing** – Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> – Draper Room – 7 p.m.
- **Meeting with Town Administrator Mitch Ruscitti** – October 12<sup>th</sup> – Bev and Sue C.
  - Sue prepared a multipage “talking points” document for this meeting.
  - **Cultural Facilities Fund** – Municipalities can apply: Grants support the acquisition, design, repair, rehabilitation, renovation, expansion, or construction of nonprofit cultural facilities. Grants range from \$7,000 to \$200,000. Managed in partnership with MassDevelopment.
  - Emailed the following to Mitch Ruscitti for his information: The Red Shop’s Future – March 2003, Little Red Shop Museum Condition Assessment Report – August 2022, and Little Red Shop Museum Conditions Assessment and Preliminary Estimate Report – February 2023
  - Delivered Little Red Shop Museum Architectural Drawings done by Chenot Associates from the 2007 renovation Mitch. These will be referenced by Tighe and Bond, the firm that is expected to

provide regional cost data not provided in the LRSM Conditions Assessment and Preliminary Estimate Report – February 2023. The February report included cost data based on Oklahoma, where the NPS architect resides.

- **IT News** – Bev and Sue received an email from Paul Grimes regarding the new desktop and two new laptops for the LRSM. We will also be working with him to establish a folder on the Town server for our HHC and LRSM files.
- A new **password** has been set **for our HHC webpage on the Town website** by Kelly Grant, one of two part-time Executive Assistants to the Town Administrator. This will allow Sue to update our HHC page.
- **Meeting with Attorney Gerry Moody** – Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> – Sue C.
  - Sue prepared a multipage “talking points” document for this meeting.
- **Blackstone Heritage Corridor News** – <https://blackstoneheritagecorridor.org/>
  - **Walk in Whitinsville with Park Ranger Allison Horrocks** – Saturday, November 11, 2023 from 10 – 11 a.m., 17 Church Street, Whitinsville
- **Blackstone Heritage Corridor Board (BHC) Volunteer-In-Parks** – update – Sue C.
- **Blackstone Heritage Corridor Board of Directors and Governance Committee** – update Sue C.
- **Downtown Winter Stroll and Shop Hop** (sponsored by the FoHH) – Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, Noon until 6 p.m. Volunteers needed to staff the LRSM. Sue has reached out to Molly Cardoza – VIP Coordinator for other volunteers.
- **Massachusetts Historical Commission – Fall Virtual Workshop Schedule**
  - **Architectural Styles, Forms, and Building Technologies of Massachusetts** - Friday, November 10, 2023 at 10 a.m.
  - **State and Federal Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits** - Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.
  - **Understanding the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards** - Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.
- **Decorating the LRSM for the holidays** – when?
- **Sponsorship letters for two HCC grant applications for programs for LRSM for 2024 for Linda Hixon** – Sue C.
- **The Heist - THE STORY OF THE UNSOLVED \$500m. GARDNER MUSEUM THEFT** – by author Bob Ainsworth (contacted Sue C. via Mass History Alliance). This **free** presentation is currently scheduled for Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6 p.m. at the LRSM. He will have his books available for purchase.

### **Public Comments**

Other items not anticipated in the last 48 hours

**Next meeting:** Thursday, December 2, 2023, 7 p.m.

### **Adjourn**

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