

Timeline for proposed National Register Historic District

NOTE: The NR doesn't limit what property owners do with their own property when using private funds, as long as state or federal funding, licensing, or permitting is not involved. The NR doesn't impose any additional restrictions beyond the local regulations and ordinances already in place.

First Move

Southborough Historical Commission (SHC) sent out a flyer on 09/20/2016 and posts it on www.mysouthbough.com and other local media sites, SHC has informal meetings with owners, first Informal meeting is scheduled for 6 pm -7:30 pm, Sept. 29th at the Community House.

Public Informational Meetings

1st meeting

Scheduled for 7:15 p.m., Nov. 9th, 2016 at Town House with MHC

1. SHC hosts MHC (Phil Bergen) who will come here in the evening on Nov. 9th. MHC will give their PowerPoint presentation. SHC will follow with their own PowerPoint presentation. MHC will assess whether there is sufficient support from the owners for a district to proceed.
2. If Southborough gets the OK to proceed from MHC, SHC will hire a consultant to write the National Register nomination (see example on SHC website).

2nd meeting

1. MHC is responsible for posting legal notices in local newspaper(s), blog. But SHC need to provide names of newspapers and blog to MHC.
2. MHC comes back – they give a presentation (similar to the previous one), followed by the consultant who presents the NR nomination as written.
3. MHC sends individual letters to all owners – we provide MHC with the names and addresses.
4. Owners in the proposed district do not need to vote for or against the designation. However, if they do wish to make their wishes known, they do have one vote per owner, no matter how many properties they own can object.
5. As long as a simple majority of owners approve, the nomination can proceed. Owners can write letters of support, although this is not necessary.
6. Objection letters must be notarized. Owner states their objection, name, and address and send to MHC prior to scheduled monthly MHC Commission meeting at the Mass. Archives, Boston.

Note

We need the consent of the owners impacted NOT all the residents. We do not go to Town Meeting.