

SUDBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING

TUESDAY, 18 January 2005

Those Present:

Clay Allen
Adolf Bahlkow
Win Fitzgerald
Jim Hill
Jim Hodder
Lyn MacLean
Carole Wolfe, Chairman

June Allen, Landscape Committee

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

The minutes of 16 November were approved as typed. Carole thanked everyone for their work and time at the Holiday Open House. She requested that the secretary send notes of thanks to John Fraize for the donation of the light bulbs and Tim Coyne for the CD pictures of the Hosmer House. The SHC received notes from the Ficketts, Town Manager and Kay Mueller, Jim Hill was thanked for his presentation to the CPC.

The whole Commission agreed that this year's Open House was run very smoothly, thanks to Win. Carole suggested that the hours be changed to 10 to 4 on both Saturday and Sunday with Wednesday being from 6:30 to 9:00.

The Building Department has committed to shovel out the walkway into the Hosmer House per Art Richard. Lyn is to send an e-mail to Bill Place asking for a date, when the scenic road signs will be in place. The first meeting requesting this took place in 2003 with several meetings to follow. A written response from Bill should be requested.

New lights for the upstairs bathroom will be purchased with a \$200 limit and Art Richard will be asked to install them.

Jim Hodder has talked with Rich Hollander and he is willing to meet with Jim Hill, Carole and Bill Place to discuss his plan of protecting the gravestones when the grass is being cut. Jim Hodder will set this next meeting up and notify everyone involved.

The draft of the Scenic Road entry for the Town Warrant was unanimously approved. Carole was thanked for her dedicated work on making it happen. She stated that the Public Hearing for the scenic road by-law will take place on February 9th with the Planning Board, which will be held at Town Hall. The Planning Board supported the request of installation of non-metallic guardrails on scenic roads. A letter to that effect needs to be written to the Selectmen and Town Manager. Carole will prepare this letter.

The new design for year 2006 Cup Plate was discussed and the Grange Hall plus others was considered and will be voted on at next month's meeting.

Carole wanted the Commission to consider having the Hosmer House open sometime in March and/or April as well as October. Showing the paintings of the Boston Symphony Orchestra was suggested as a draw. Many options were discussed and thought should be given before our next meeting.

The sign at the Haynes Garrison Site was discussed as Carole suggested a more pleasing sign should be considered. Opposition was stated that vandalism might destroy an expensive wooden sign. This will also be discussed at a future meeting when Carole brings pictures of what she has in mind.

The whole Commission will walk the Training Field to locate the boundary markers. Once that has been accomplished Lyn will get a quote for clearing it from Punch Landscaping and others. Jim Hill suggested leaving a row of trees on the east side to protect the view of the adjoining property. Carole suggested re-creating the munitions storage shed and putting up a kiosk with a map and past use of the field. Carole sent a letter to the Housing Committee informing them of our future plans for this property and requested that it be taken off their prospective housing site list.

Mark Thompson is willing to put the "Old Homes Survey" in a PDF file format and put it on the town web site. He would use a town intern to do this work this summer.

Lyn is to call Arlette Clark to find out what happened to the bench that was proposed by her family in memory of her father Mickey Hrianiak. This was to be placed in Grinnell Park as Mickey was Sudbury's Tree Warden for many, many years.

All members are to give some thought as to the type of signs and what they should say so Susan can prepare them for the Hosmer House. (private party, office staff, donations, restoration project, etc)

On January 22, 3 to 7 and Jan 23, 12 – 2 an art show will be held at the Hosmer House commemorating the 50th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima Church. A few Commission members have volunteered to help out.

The Commission agreed to have the settee and matching chair upholstered so it can be placed in Alice's living room. Lyn will contact Avery and the Kings to get a quote.

Adolf and Lyn will meet with Mrs. Mercurio to pick up her painting so a copy can be made for printing. Jim Hill will get the contract to Adolf so it can be signed.

Liz Radoski has completed an application to serve on the Commission. She has been such a hard worker as a docent and handling the country store for many years. This was accepted with pleasure.

Win is to get a price for cleaning the ballroom curtains. She has a company that has been recommended that will clean them in place.

The next meeting will take place on 15 February at 7 PM at the Sudbury United Methodist Church.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted, Lyn MacLean, Secretary

CC: Town Manager, John Fraize, Bill Place, Art Richard, Mark Thompson, Marv Fickett, Muriel Plonko