

SUDBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES TUESDAY, 18 APRIL 2006

Those Present:

Clay Allen
Adolf Bahlkow
Win Fitzgerald, CoChair
Jim Hill
Jim Hodder
Lyn MacLean, CoChair
June Allen, Guest

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM. The minutes of 21 March were accepted as typed.

Lyn read thank you notes that were sent to the SHC. Helen Casey was very pleased with the open house we held after her presentation on Miss Hosmer. The Allens were thanked for the plantings and flowers around the Hosmer House.

Events: There is a wedding scheduled for 10 June at 1:30. July 4th Tara Bausk will be requested to show her artwork. Sudbury Festival will be held on Saturday, 16 September and the Hosmer House will be open from 12 to 2 PM. September 23rd is the Minuteman Fair and the SHC will have a booth.

Memorial Day: Win will call the Town Clerk's Office to obtain the names of the employees and volunteers who have passed away this past year. Once she has the list she will send out letters requesting pictures to be displayed in the parlor. Peter Harvell met with Lyn to discuss the WWII display that he plans to have in the ballroom. He requested that he be let into the house to set up Friday, 19 May as he plans to have the local newspaper take pictures. On Saturday, 20 May he will have a congressman present to Mrs. Wilson the Prisoner of War Medal. Win requested that the SHC members be at the House on Saturday, 27 May from 10:30 to noon to help set up our display. Win will purchase cookies, coffee and lemonade for the occasion. June and Clay are in the process of making the signage.

Revolutionary Training Field: Jim Hodder reported that the three acres had been cleared and he was able to get a very low price to accomplish this. He also reported that the kiosk was in place and Lyn will get all the maps, pictures and papers that will be displayed in it. Curt Garfield sent a history of the property, which will be typed up for the public to read. Jim has spoken to Bill Place about helping with the entryway and seeding the field.

Genealogy Papers: Tim Coyne, Adolf and Clay were able to complete the photographs of the documents. Tim has enhanced them on his computer and made hardcopies and a CD. This is the first time the SHC will have seen this discovery. Tim and Adolf will secure the originals in acid free protectors. Adolf will purchase supplies from Blick Company to finish the project.

Old Homes Survey: Gretchen Schuller is more than half way through taking pictures and the write-ups on this project. Jim Hill is working with Mark Thompson to set up a database for Gretchen to input the data, as it is compatible with the GIS system and can be accessed from the web.

Storeroom Ceiling/RFQ/Hearse House: Jim Hill has received one quote and has two more he is waiting for. When all three have been received the SHC will discuss which bid to accept. Once this work has been completed than the Commission will start working on the RFQ. Jim is also waiting for Bud Harwarth to let him know when he plans to move the Hearse House. Elaine Jones is going to

get back to Jim regarding town ownership of the parcel it is being moved to. The Commission thanked Jim for his presentation at Town Meeting and was so glad all three articles passed.

Ramp: Jim Hodder brought a CD and brochure on how to set up the handicapped ramp. It will be permanently located behind the front door. It can be easily assembled when necessary.

Miscellaneous Items:

Lyn will contact Avery Upholstering to find out how much the two chairs they are working on will cost when completed. We received a ballpark figure but we want to be sure it is within what has been budgeted for.

Dave Cummings (978-774-3170) from Danvers called to see if he could purchase the maintenance car that is stored in the RR Section House. It was a unanimous vote to decline this offer, as it was a donation to the SHC for display purposes. Lyn will let him know the decision.

Adlof and Lyn will select two or three pictures to be restored. Once selected they will review them with the Commission before having the work done. It was suggested that scenes of Sudbury and landscapes or still life be chosen.

Jody is on vacation this week and when she returns the Commission will invite her to take a walk through the Revolutionary Cemetery to view the damage so she can help us make sure that no more is done during the lawn cutting this summer. Jim Hodder worked on the contract with Bill Place to be sure the stones are protected.

Jim Hodder was thanked for spreading the $\frac{3}{4}$ stone in the shed. He will move the blue stone slabs and place them in front of the steps and level more of it out when he returns from China.

Adolf brought a picture that John Fraize had made from a glass photo found in the Bordon barn. John has requested to attend our next meeting and inform us of the information he has researched.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lyn MacLean
CoChair/Secretary
SHC

CC: Town Manager, Jody Kablack, Bill Place, John Fraize, Muriel Plonko, Marve Fickett,
Mark Thompson, Carole Wolfe, Tim Coyne