

SUDBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES

TUESDAY, 17 OCTOBER 2006

Those Present:

Guests:

Absent:

Clay Allen
Adolf Bahlkow
Jim Hill
Jim Hodder
Lyn MacLean, CoChair
Carole Wolfe

June Allen
Liz Radoski

Win Fitzgerald

The meeting came to order at 7:20 PM. The minutes of 19 September 2006 were approved as corrected.

Events:

On November 11th Peter Harvell will use the storeroom of the Hosmer House to honor veterans. He will have display cases and memorabilia plus a staff to explain the showcases. The other parts of the house will not be open due to renovations. Lyn, Jim Hill and Adolf will also be present at that time. Peter plans to advertise in the local newspapers.

Holiday Open House: Liz Radoski attended the meeting to update us on the plans for this December 1,2,3 and 6 event. The schedule for the decorating is the same as discussed last month. Commission members are requested to let Liz know when they can serve. The trees will be put up on Nov 11 upstairs and on Nov 18th from 9:30 on for the first floor. Also that day the things from the storeroom will be brought back in from the parlor and dining room. Liz will work with Jim Hill and Susan to be sure the invitations, signage and posters will go out on time. Clay and June will get the wreathes for the outside of the house and the men will put them up.

Minuteman Fair: This year the weather did not cooperate so we were present for just the morning. The wind blow our two tents and broke cup plates so we departed rather disappointed for all the work we put into getting our items for sale down to the fair grounds. Next year it was suggested that docents also be schedule for duty so Commission members need only spend two or three hours at the booth.

Town Report: Lyn sent everyone copies of the draft and made the suggested improvements. It was unanimously voted to submit the report along with the self-portrait of Miss Hosmer.

Projects:

Jim Hodder meet with Bill Place to find out when the few items that the DPW had scheduled to finish up the Hosmer House driveway and shed would take place. They have a few larger projects to finish first and then they will put the stonewall back and finish the shed stones. Jim will also find out when the rest of the scenic road signs are going to be put up. It has been about three years since the project started.

Hearse House:

Jim Hill will meet with the mason Bob D'Antonio on Thursday, 19 October at 5 PM to look at a foundation similar to what will be used on the Hearse House. Bob will then draw up a schematic and Jim will give it to Bill Place so that the cement floor can be laid before snow flies. Bud and Ben are ready to dismantle the house and move it as soon as the floor is dry. Bob will put the stone foundation around it in the spring. The Shilts family has been given a historic house plaque by the Commission as a token of our appreciation for their kind and thoughtful donation of the Hearse House to the town.

Ironworks:

Jim Hill is working on a draft with Elaine Jones for an RFP which should go out soon. Elaine has the nomenclature on exactly what needs to be done for the repairs. This is planned to be completed in the spring after the Center Committee has made decisions on what will be done along Concord Road leading to the Center.

Cemetery Plaque:

Jim Hill drove to Princeton Mass with the Revolutionary Cemetery Drawing that will be replaced on the granite that the DPW hit with the snowplow last winter. Jim is looking into having a large scanner made by a drum so the schematic is in one piece so the engraving can be made. The cost will be about \$1,000 and paid for by the DPW.

Old Homes Survey:

Jim Hill will contact Mark Thompson so see if he has been able to obtain a laptop for Gretchen Schuller to input the information into for the GIS.

Frost Farm House:

Carole met with Jody last spring at which time the possibility was briefly discussed that the farmhouse could be restored with CPA funds and a preservation restriction put on it in case the Town wanted to sell it and place the proceeds into a fund for the future preservation of other historic town owned properties. Other members of the Commission also discussed this possibility with Jody at a subsequent meeting. However, the Selectmen seem to be thinking more on the lines of having a Social Service use the farmhouse. It is hoped the Selectmen understand that the building is deteriorating quickly, especially since the roof has started leaking and it is the hope that they will take preventive measures in the near future.

Art Room:

Lyn and Adolf worked for three hours sorting and storing the oil paintings in their proper order and new shelving. Carole will look into purchasing a hasp and Clay will supply the lock. Lyn requested that this be in place before the Holiday Open House.

Rail Road Section House:

Jim Hill will take Bob D'Antonio down to the shack so he can give us an estimate on the cost to repair the stone foundation. This cost will be put in the budget presently being prepared and due to the town by November 1st. if other means are not forthcoming to pay for this repair.

John Powers Will:

Lyn spoke with Elaine Jones and she advised the SHC to check off those items in the will that should be donated to other departments in the town, Historical Society, Wayside Inn and schools. The Commission voted on the items listed and Lyn will submit the information to Town Council.

Work Program:

Adolf requested that the Commission submit the work program form for a person to go through ten three ring binders and pull the pictures of each oil painting and put them in numerical order. Once this has been completed it will be easier to match them up with the inventory. Also needed is the family historical files to be put in person and date order. Helen Casey has sifted through and filled three file draws with this information.

Community Cultural Form:

Lyn suggested that the SHC submit a request to have a painting refurbished with the funds if granted.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 21 November 2006.

Respectfully Submitted

Lyn MacLean
CoChair/Secretary

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