

SUDBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, 21 AUGUST 2007

Those Present:	Guests:
Adolf Bahlkow	Clay Allen
Doc Fitzgerald	June Allen
Ellen Given	Gretchen Schuller
Jim Hill	Lee Swanson
Jim Hodder	
Lyn MacLean	
Liz Radoski	

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM. The minutes of 19 July were accepted as typed. Ellen Given was welcomed as an official member of the SHC.

Gretchen updated the Commission on the status of the "Old Homes Survey". She is in the last phase of completing the forms for the thirty six or so properties built before 1900. Jim and Karen Hodder will review the remaining copies and then they all will be ready for reproduction. The Commission decided to do a separate bound edition which would be available for sale. It was suggested, before publication, that each home owner would receive their copy with a letter requesting any input before the printing. Gretchen offered to respond back if any were received without charging us a fee.

The Goodnow Store 1846 General Ledger which the Commission purchased on eBay was for the first time viewed by the Commission. Lee Swanson was present to verify the information and explain the preservation of such a valuable book. The Commission feels very fortunate to have been able to obtain and pay for it so it will be back home where it belongs.

The financial report was given and bills passed in for the renovation of the back hall door, two house signs and Hosmer House cleaning. There will be a bill coming for the cleaning of the kitchen rug.

Events: Sudbury Day will be held **15 September** at the Peter Noyes Playground and the Hosmer House will be open from noon to 2 PM. A presentation will be made in front of the Grange Hall to the Chairman of the Sudbury Foundation from the SHC, which is a plaque to be placed on the renovated building showing the years it was built for a school house.

The Decorating Committee for the Holiday Open House will meet at the Hosmer House on **11 September** to go over the room themes and regulations. Liz has contacted all those involved in the final planning.

Colonial Fair at the Wayside Inn will be held Saturday, **29 September** from 9 to 4. We will have the same booth location as we did last year. Members and docents will be on duty all day to sell our cup plates, throws, prints, history books etc.

The Hosmer House will be open **November 10 & 11** for Veteran's Day. Liz is working with Peter Harvell to coordinate his use of the ballroom for WW1 displays.

Holiday Open House:

Dec 7 – Private thank you party for decorators 7 – 10 PM
Dec 8 - Public open house 10 to 4 PM
Dec 8 - Private, Democrat Party 6 – 10 PM
Dec 9 - Public open house 11 to 4 PM
Dec 10 – Private party, Rebecca Circle SUMC 7 – 10 PM
Dec 12 – Public open house 6 – 9 PM
Dec 13 – Private, Sudbury Town Party 9 – 4 PM
Dec 13 – Public open house 6 – 9 PM
Dec 16 – Private, Sudbury Historical Society 3:30 – 6 PM
Dec 17 – Undecorate Hosmer House 9 AM until done

CPC Projects:

The plans for the **Hosmer House ceiling** have been given to Jim Kelly for his review and approval. Once that is received the bid will be prepared for Elaine Jones to execute. The three lally columns will be taken out. Work will not be scheduled to start until January 2008. The downstairs hall back door has been restored and is back in place.

The **Hearse House** restoration has started with electricity being brought into the site. The Commission voted unanimously to have the siding vertical as was done in that period by the farmers. There will be two windows one over the door facing Peter Noyes School and the other towards the top facing Concord Road, so they will be opposite each other and give light to the interior.

The hinges to the tombs on Concord Road have been taken off to be painted and some had to be made by the same people who are restoring the iron fence. They are also working on one fence at the Revolutionary War Cemetery. Jim is very pleased with the **ironworks** contractors.

Jim Kelly is reviewing the bid proposal for the roof at **Loring Parsonage** which will be for fire retardant cedar shingles.

Jim Hodder is working with Elaine Jones to finalize the bid proposal for the **Revolutionary Cemetery** which should go out this week. It will be one bid for the complete project and subcontractors may have to be hired depending on who receives the bid.

The **Old Homes Survey** is nearing completion and Doc will find out what the cost will be to have a separate booklet (Appendix) made for sale with all the information, pictures and maps in it. Jim Hodder has a few more to review and a letter will be sent to each home owner.

Patio

The boy scouts have completed the brick patio and their next step will be to plant box wood shrubs around two of the edges. Doc has ordered the bench and engraving and the cost will be approximately \$1,500 which will come out of the Win Fitzgerald Fund. In September a picture will be taken with the boy scouts so this project will appear in the local newspaper.

Cup Plates

Jim Hill will get the drawing of the Hearse House over to Doc tomorrow so he can deliver it to Janice Rudolf. A trip to Pair Point Glass Company will be made in September in order for the cup plates to be ready to sell at the Holidays. The color will be decided when we see the samples the present company is making. We will order 200 colored and 100 clear of this year's design.

Paintings:

Lyn reported that the seven paintings that were restored with new frames have been completed. She and Adolf will hang them and chose others to be done.

Miscellaneous Items:

Adolf is going to research the cost to make John Power's record into a CD which then could be an item for sale at the holidays.

Lyn had the kitchen braided rug taken to be cleaned and she and Jim Hill are getting quotes to have the floor refinished.

Jim Hodder reported that he is getting a quote to harrow and plant the training field so it will be possible to mow in the spring. A gravel driveway and fence will also be put up near the sign and he and Lyn will prepare a drawing.

Jim Hill will order the monitor for the front hall as he has received all the information.

Ellen is looking into a personal grant for a reading series which will help the Hosmer House get more publicity. She is in hopes of using the house and donating some of the funds back to the E.B.Hosmer Fund.

Adolf has done the research on the cost of engraving clay brick in case in the future we want to use this as a fund raiser.

Jim Hill will ask Bud Harwath if he will repair the lock on the general store door.

Suggestions from members for next year's CPC application. A full appraisal of paintings and contents was one and another was a vault built in the HH cellar.

Lyn is working with the Boy Scouts to have them submit a drawing of the Haynes Garrison Site and what their plans are to clean up the brush and plant flowers.

June will contact Brian to get our printer up and running.

Jim Hodder and Lyn will keeping looking for tents like the one we have.

The meeting adjourned at 9:26 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Lyn MacLean
Chairman, SHC

cc: Town Manager, Jody Kablack, Mark Thomson, Art Richard, Jim Kelly, Bill Place,