

SUDBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY 2007

Those Present:

Clay Allen
Adolf Bahlkow
Doc Fitzgerald
Jim Hill, Treasurer
Jim Hodder
Lyn MacLean, Chairman
Liz Radoski

Guests:

June Allen
Jody Kablack
Karen Hodder

The meeting opened at 7:10 PM at the Hosmer House. The minutes of 16 January were accepted as typed.

Financial: Jim Hill reported that \$253.00 was donated in memory of Claire Jarvis to the SHC for the Selectman to accept this amount and all future donations. A separate fund is being set up to receive this money. Over \$600 more will be deposited into the Win Fitzgerald memorial fund from donations to be added to what was accepted last month and will be used to construct the memory garden. Bills were given to Jim for \$100 for mowing the Section House and Haynes Garrison Site. \$17.00 for pictures taken of what is hanging on the walls at Hosmer House. \$16.00 for a book Barbara Bahlkow is making of information about each room. She will need to purchase three more to complete the project. A deposit of \$60.00 from cup plates sold at the town hall with an \$80 donation. The town Democratic Committee gave a plaque in memory of Win which the Commission unanimously voted to give to Doc Fitzgerald. Mark Thompson is working on getting a financial program up and running so that we can access the records from the office or at home. When this has been accomplished we will be able to view all funds and accounts and a person from the Commission will be assigned as treasurer to be responsible for paying all the bills and keeping the records. In our meeting in April we will also vote for a cochairman.

Memorial Day: Liz has a letter ready to be sent to those survivors of people who passed away in 2006 who worked or volunteered for the Town of Sudbury. The pictures will be delivered to the Library and will be displayed in the parlor as done in previous years. Peter Harvell the Veterans Agent of Sudbury will use the ballroom for a display on May 28th from 10 to 2 PM during our open house.

Holiday Open House: This year the theme will be "Sounds of the Holidays". The Nutcracker will be the decoration in the Ballroom. We have five new docents and over 20 people attended the training given on 19 February. Each was given written history information about the house and paintings. They are willing to work at the Minuteman Fair and the Garden Clubs and others will work under the direction of Liz to clean up the back patio and the side patio.

Letters: Lyn is to write a letter to the Sudbury Historical Society informing them that the musket that John Powers left in his Will shall be on loan to them from the SHC and they in turn will send a letter stating when and if they decide not to keep any of the articles they will be returned to the SHC. The Commission felt that any gifts received in the future should only be given out on loan so ownership doesn't leave the Town of Sudbury. Lyn will also write letters to the five elementary schools and the town library giving them each two (2) of John Power's books "We Shall not Tamely Give Up" as were his wishes stated in his Will.

Cup Plates: The Commission unanimously voted that Janice Rudolf design the Hearse House for this year's cup plate. Doc offered to drive some of us down to Pier Point along with Janice to explain to the owner what we expect the final version to look like. Lee Regal has almost completed the three ring binders with all the original photos of Miss Hosmer's paintings filed in numerical order. Once this has been completed Aragon Art will be able to do an appraisal for us. The value of these paintings has increased significantly over the years and more insurance should be a consideration by the town. Plaques to be placed on each frame will be ordered as Adolf and Doc completed the room inventory.

Certified Local Government: Jody Kablack attended our meeting to inform us of the (CLG) which she thinks we are eligible to receive grants from. She had given us the paperwork prior to the meeting and copies will be made for each member. Her office will help with completing many of the forms but each member must complete his/her own resume and get it back to Jody. A concern was raised as to why towns like Concord, Lexington, Lincoln and Arlington were not on the list of towns taking advantage of such an offer. A question was raised if grant money was received did it take control of a project out of the local commission as it had in the past. Jody stated that because the SHC had been involved in the Demolition By-Law, Scenic Road By-Law, and Old Homes Survey etc. that we had a good chance of being accepted. She will meet with the Sudbury Historic District so we can all work together for the benefit of the town to receive matching funds for CPC projects and others. 41 communities in the state are participating and there is Federal money out there to be had for qualified candidates.

Hearse House: The house has been disassembled and part of the timbers have been moved to the new foundation behind the animal pound in town center. The timbers will be secured with a tarp for the rest of the winter. Ben Walker and Bud Haworth will begin putting it together in May and it will take two weeks from start to finish to complete. The Commission is responsible for getting the hinges and hardware replicas made.

Revolutionary Cemetery: Jim Hodder will meet with Jody to have her review the Fannin Report and also the bid boilerplate that Cambridge has which can be used as a template for Sudbury. Jody offered to help Jim with the bidding processes and also work with Elaine Jones so it meets Sudbury standards. Susan Litowitz is making the schematic for the granite holder which is the map to where people are buried. Once this is completed it can be burned into the metal form.

IronWorks: 80% of the wording for the bid has been completed and Jim Hill will finish it up with Elaine Jones. It can not be installed until decisions have been made about the town center. Who ever gets the bid will pick up the pieces to be restored all at once from Concord Road and the Wadsworth Cemetery so they can work on it in their shop and replace it all at once.

HH Ceiling: Jim Hill has met with the architectural engineer on the Hosmer House ceiling and the plans will be ready for our next meeting. It will cost 1K and he will help prepare the bid. He also knows contractors who are able to do the work.

Survey: Jim Hodder is reviewing all the Old Homes Survey Forms that Gretchen Schuler has completed. He will contact Gretchen and go over the information so it can be accepted and prepared for publication. She has received the first payment from the CPC funds.

Miscellaneous Items:

1. Lyn and Jim Hill will write up a response to the rail trail citizens warrant article in case we are asked to speak.
2. Adolf suggested that the melodeon be played so the keys and bellows keep in good condition. Lyn will ask Kevin Murphy to play it soon.
3. Lyn will contact Oliver Kline who has ask if we can provide him with an Eagle Project for the Boy Scout badge he is going for. The Commission suggested clearing out the Haynes Garrison Site and rebuilding the foundation on Water Row.
4. Clay will reset the timer so the lights go on later in the evening. He will also repair the bolt for the storeroom door. June offered to order the picture hooks that we need for the molding around the rooms.
5. Doc will get back to the Commission and Planning Board on his assessment of 303 Boston Post Road and the old house being used for affordable housing.
6. Lyn will attend the Planning Board meeting on 28 Feb at 7:30 regarding the taking down of several trees to make way for a sidewalk on Dakin Road.
7. Jim Hill will make copies of the Heritage Landscape Inventory Project Report so there can be file copy kept at the HH and others for SHC members.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lyn MacLean
Chairman/Secretary

CC Town Manager, Jody Kablack, Mark Thompson, Art Richard, Bill Place, Elaine Jones, John Fraize, Marv Fickett, Muriel Plonko,