

SUDBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, 15 MAY 2007

Those Present:
Clay Allen
Adolf Bahlkow
Doc Fitzgerald
Jim Hill
Jim Hodder
Lyn MacLean
Liz Radoski

Guest:
June Allen

The minutes of 17 April 07 were accepted with corrections. The first order of business was to elect a Vice Chairman and the Commission unanimously voted in Jim Hill to take that position. This position will rotate every year along with the Chairmanship. Lyn reminded members to submit all bills as the General Expenses for this year close the end of June.

Events:

Memorial Day Open House will be held 28 May from 10 – 2 PM with the Veterans display being held in the Ballroom. Peter Harvell will set up on 18 May at 4 PM. Liz has all the letters sent out to those families who had members that passed away and had worked in the town or volunteered in the town during the past year. Hopefully they will submit pictures to be displayed in the parlor. June and Clay will produce the written documentation that will go under each picture. Lillian has purchased the lunch food for the docents and Lyn will come early to start the coffee.

Holiday Open House: A decorator's meeting for the Holiday Open House will be held on June 6th at the Hosmer House. Letters have gone out to the decorators announcing the importance to attend to be educated on the rules and regulations. At this meeting a theme will be chosen by those involved.

Fourth of July: The Commission will set up a table to sell the books that have been collected throughout the year. Adolf and Barbara Bahlkow will man this booth. There will be a table with items for sale with 10% of the profits going to the Hosmer Fund. Tim Coyne will display his photographs through out the house.

CPC Projects:

Hosmer House: The back door of the Hosmer House will be taken down next week and plywood put up. Bud Harworth is going to restore the door and frame so it will fit tight and stop the heat loss.

The structural engineer gave the Commission three options to restore the storeroom ceiling:

1. Put in an 18" steel beam the entire length of the room and take out the three lally columns, installing a lally column at each end of the room to support the beam.
2. Put in a 10" beam through the center of the room plus a cross beam in the center, taking out the three columns and installing lally columns at each end, replacing the 4x8s which are presently there with 4x4s.
3. Take out the complete ceiling boards and replacing the ceiling with new beams and columns.

The Commission voted on number 2. Jim Hill will contact Danti as he will help prepare the bid and Jim will work with Elaine Jones to make this happen so it will hopefully be completed before the Holiday Open House.

Air Conditioning the Hosmer House: Copper tubing with anti freeze will be used. The compressor will be placed outside which has its own fan and also regulates the heat. This is necessary to protect the oil paintings which are showing deterioration due to temperature and humidity changes.

Lighting: The storeroom is very dark and new lighting must be considered as this room is the most used and also displays many pictures which should each have their own lighting. The Commission will look at other museums to see what is recommended.

Hearse House: Erecting the structure will start the end of May. The weather put them back a week.

Loring Parsonage. Jim Hill is working on the bid for the roof replacement with Elaine Jones.

Ironworks. Three bids were received and Jim Hill is pleased with All Star Steel, which was the one that was chosen. The hardware on the tomb doors must be replaced, individual pieces of fence and gate repaired and Wadsworth fence repaired. Trees around the fence are to be taken down and the wooden fence painted by others.

Revolutionary Cemetery bid is being worked on by Elaine Jones and Jim Hodder, it will go out in June.

Old Home Survey write ups have been completed. Doc is investigating publishers so a new book can be produced including both old and new into one edition. He will contact Gretchen Schuller for advice.

Miscellaneous Items:

Jim Hill has ordered the monitor camera for the front door entry. Lyn will contact Art Richard to ask that the alarm company review the alarm system after the new ceiling is installed. Nine mice have been found in the kitchen and they may be setting off the system. Clay has set up traps. Clay will also inform Art that the gutter at the left side at the front of the house needs to be cleaned.

Doc donated a complete tool box to be left in the office to be used in repairing items in the house.

Doc and Lyn will attend a tree hearing by the Planning Board on 23 May at 7:30 in the Lower Town Hall. Two trees on Willis Road, a scenic road, plus adding a driveway and moving a stone wall was requested.

Lyn gave each member a brochure on the Photo Contest that is being run by the town in June.

Lyn has ordered the plaques for each frame for the downstairs paintings. Adolf did research to be sure they are labeled correctly. This will help docents and visitors know what each painting represents.

Adolf reported that he had contact Carole Wolfe several times to return the video that was taken many years ago of a tour of Hosmer House. This video is very important as it had comments by Harriet Richie and showed the parlor before it was restored and Lyn gave a talking commentary.

There will be a subcommittee meeting on Tuesday, 22 May to meet with Elaine McGrath regarding the Win Fitzgerald patio. Elaine will be working with Matt Delaney is going for his Eagle Scout Badge. Lyn is to write a letter supporting this effort. Lee Regal is to bring the books with the picture of the paintings and give them to Adolf so a selection can be made for the next painting to be restored in memory of Claire Jarvis.

Clay and June are to bring the signs to the Sudbury Historic District and give them to Linda Hawes. The SHD will now pay for and take over putting up the signs entering and exiting the three historic districts. Lee Swanson has the Grange sign which needs to be repainted with correct info and date. Lyn will call Bob Leonard and inform him that we have to have the sign for the renovated building.

The meeting adjourned at 9 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lyn MacLean
SHC Chairman

Financial Information:

General Expenses:

2,702.46

Hosmer Fund:

1,727.16

Win Fitzgerald Fund

6,145.00

Claire Jarvis Fund

438.00

CPC Funds:

Hosmer House: 198,900.00

Hearse House: 24,220.00 500 spent for dumpster

Ironworks: 136,305.00

Loring Parsonage 74,281.00

Rev Cemetery 172,350.00

Old Home Survey 9,800.00 600 paid to Gretchen Schuler

Carding Mill 25,000.00