

**SUDBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, 17 OCTOBER 2007**

Those Present:
Adolf Bahlkow
Doc Fitzgerald
Ellen Given
Jim Hill
Lyn MacLean
Liz Radoski

Guests:
Clay and June Allen

Absent:
Jim Hodder

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM. The minutes of 18 September 07 were accepted as typed. The financial report was given and it was unanimously agreed that two paintings be restored in the memory of Claire Jarvis and Marvis Fickett with the money coming out of their memorial funds. \$500 had been paid out of CPC funds for lumber for the Hearse House.

Events: The Holiday Open House will be held Dec 8 from 10 to 4, Dec 9 from 11 to 4, Dec 12 from 6 to 9 and Dec 13 from 6 to 9. Liz will inform Susan Litowitz that the Commission unanimously voted on the wonderful design for the invitations that she created. "Sounds of the Holidays" was captured in her artistic drawings. Troup 7156 of the Girl Scouts volunteered to decorate the kitchen so now all 12 rooms will be decorated. Deter Straub's Quartet will play Saturday in the Ballroom and Ellen Given has volunteered to play the flute on Sunday after the Selectmen read to the children.

October 21st at 1 PM the dedication of the Win Fitzgerald Memorial Bench will take place with the Commission Members, Boy Scouts, Elaine McGrath and Doctor Fitzgerald's family taking part. Susan will take a picture which will be submitted with the Town Report.

Cup Plates: Doc and Liz went down to Pair Point and saw the mold and color for this year's plate. Cranberry was the color chosen but it will be more orange than red due to the production technique. 250 colored and 50 clear were ordered and will be delivered to Liz in November.

CPC Projects:

Hosmer Ceiling: Jim Kelly has the structural plans and Jim Hill has spoken to Elaine. Liz will ask Susan to make a sign to explain the present ceiling condition during the Open House.

Hearse House: The sills have been installed. Jim Hill will call Ben Walker to see if he and Bud Haworth can complete it before the cup plates go on sale.

Iron Works: It has been a pleasure to work with this company. They have completed their work on time and will install the gates in the spring as agreed upon with Bill Place helping with the foundations. A picture of the arch at Wadsworth Cemetery needs to be found so they can make a replica.

Loring Roof: Elaine Jones has the specs to write the bid. Elaine will need more information from Jim Kelly. Wood shingles that are fire resistant have been approved.

Revolutionary Cemetery: Elaine is working with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to resubmit the bid proposals. Hopefully this can be resolved so work can start in the spring.

Old Home Survey: Doc is going to talk to Jim Hodder regarding the binding and timeframe left before it is ready for production.

CPC Application for 08: Lyn is obtaining quotes for appraisal of the paintings and the contents of the Hosmer House. The deadline is 30 October and she will have the information for Jim Hill to submit to CPC. Doc is going to contact Danforth Museum, Goodnow Library and Boston Athenaeum to get information on a humidically controlled and fire resistant vault which the Commission needs to have built in the cellar. Once this information is obtained a proposal will

be submitted to the CPC. Doc is also going to get the cost of a fireproof cabinet which we could use until it is built.

Town Clerk's Proposal to CPC: The Commission needs to know the scope of the project and the approximate cost. They sanction the idea but they need more information to approve it formally.

Wayside inn Proposal to CPC: The Trustees of the Wayside Inn have requested \$110K to come out of historic funds to build signage for the property. They were asked what they were going to give to the town in return, like building restrictions.

Training Field: Lyn has contacted the Mass Historical Commission on advice how to proceed with the screening the loam and planting of grass seed this coming spring. She contacted Royce Kahler of the Archeology Committee and he informed her to contact Brona Simons which she did and was told to submit photographs with information. Jim Hodder is getting a quote from Joe Cutler to do the work and this will be discussed at our next meeting.

Town Report: Ellen Given is writing the report and will have it completed by the deadline of 16 November. All Commission members are to sign it and the picture will be submitted of the bench dedication.

Scenic Roads: Lyn will inform Jody that the Commission wanted to add the list of scenic roads and the roads that were made from Indian paths to the submission she will make to the web site.

Demolition: The Sudbury Historic District was informed that the Commission agrees with them that 98 Concord Road should not be demolished. The Commission did agree that the chicken coop at 293 Concord Road should be torn down without going through the process.

Ornaments: Adolf gave us information on hanging ornaments that could have the Hosmer House on them to sell for the Holidays. It was agreed that this should be ordered next March. He also gave us information on making John Power's record into a CD. It was unanimously voted to purchase 100 at a cost of \$390 in addition to the master cost \$120. If they sell well, we would be able to have more made.

Boy Scouts: Liz informed the Commission that next year a boy scout has requested to renovate, clean up and make a brick path from the back patio to the driveway. This is the area between the two additions, kitchen and office which needs help

Lights: Clay has order the picture lights for some of the paintings and ordered extras as they are hard to come by. They should arrive before they are needed for replacements.

Exit Plan: Liz is going to draw up an exit plan for the Hosmer House. The Commission will go over it at our next meeting and once agreed upon the safest way to exit when the house is in full use it will be explained to all the docents.

Locksmith: Liz will contact a locksmith to come and look at the storeroom exit door. We need to keep the one that is there if possible as it is an antique but it needs to work correctly.

Seminar: Ellen attended the Boston Athenaeum Seminar on getting new and younger people involved in history. New audiences for old houses.

Cones: All the cones that Clay has put in our driveway have been stolen. He is going to donate four and when not in use they will be stored in the back of the shed. Even the ones in the shed were stolen.

Plaque: The Commission voted to spend approximately \$250 to have a plaque made to be put on the large tree in Grinnell Park in memory of our past Tree Warden, Mickey Hriniak who served the town of Sudbury from 1957 to 1970.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 20 November at 7 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lyn MacLean
Chairman/Secretary

CC: Town Manager, Jody Kablack, Mark Thompson, Jim Kelly, Art Richard, Bill Place, Scott Taylor, Marcia Fickett, Muriel Plonko,