

**SUDBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 2007**

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

Absent:  
Jim Hodder  
Liz Radoski  
June & Clay Allen

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM. The minutes of the 21 August meeting were accepted as typed. The Marvis Fickett Account was accepted by the Selectman and now the checks donated in his memory can be deposited. A painting restoration will be made in his name with these funds. The Harry Rice Museum Fund has received 10K from the John Power's estate.

**Events:**

On **Sudbury Day** the Hosmer House was open from 12 to 2 PM and only two people stopped by and there were four docents and four members present. It was voted next year not to open the house on that day as we need the help on other occasions. At 2 PM the members joined the Grange members and the Sudbury Foundation members to present them with a house sign for their restored building.

The **Minuteman Fair** will be held Sept 29<sup>th</sup> at the Wayside Inn and Adolf, Doc and Lyn will meet Jim Hodder at 5:30 on 28 Sept to load the van for sale items and bring the two tents for our booth.

**Veteran's Weekend** on November 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Peter Harvell the Sudbury Veteran's Agent will have a display in the Ballroom and the house will be open to the public. Liz has arranged for docents to help staff the Hosmer House.

**Holiday Open House** planning is well underway. Liz held a decorators meeting on 11 September and informed all those attending about the rules and regulations for decorating the ten rooms. She is working with Susan on the invitations and will be ordering the food for the "Thank You" party which will be held Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>.

**CPC Projects:**

We should see some action on the **Hearse House** building on 22 September. The lumber has been delivered and Bud has obtained the sills. Bill Place has made electricity available so progress is expected to be made in this good weather.

The drawings of the **Hosmer Ceiling** have been reviewed by Jim Kelly. Jim Hill is going to meet with Jim this week to discuss Danti's architectural information. We hope bids can go out soon so work can start in January.

The **Ironworks** people have been working hard and doing an excellent job. They have put on the doors and new locks have been put on the slate doors. The fence has been painted black. The repaired gates will be delivered in two weeks.

Jim Hodder will contact Elaine Jones to find out when the bids for the **Revolutionary Cemetery** will go out.

Jim Hill will meet with Elaine to write the bids for the **Loring Parsonage** roof. Jim Kelly has approved the cedar shingles.

Lyn is getting quotes for appraisals for the painting and house contents for next year's **CPC Application**. Jim Hill will get information and quotes on a vault to be built in the cellar of the Hosmer House to hold important historical documents and paintings for the same purpose.

### **Cup Plates**

Doc has sent in the order for 200 colored and 100 clear. Janet Rudolf sent Pair Point the design and hopefully we can get the color we ordered. Doc is going to write up an explanation of each cup plate we have made over the years so it will be documented as to what each one stands for.

### **Patio and Bench**

The Boy Scouts, Doc and Elaine McGrath will meet at the Hosmer House on 6 October at 9 AM to plant bushes and do the final touch up on the patio. The bench should be engraved by then and set in place by Precourt. A picture will be taken for the newspaper so the Scout will have it for his Eagle Badge.

### **Training Field**

Lyn is to talk to Selectman Drobinski about his offer to give us information about an archaeology dig at the Training Field. Lyn will also contact Royce Kahler and Jim Newton. Joe Culter is submitting a quote to plant grass after this is done. We realize this will take time and some paperwork but it is necessary.

### **Painting and Plaques**

Six paintings have been restored and are hanging on the storeroom and child's bedroom walls. Adolf will make a small sign which states they have been restored in 2007. Adolf, Doc and Jim Hodder will place plaques on 32 paintings on 25 September. All of Miss Hosmer's paintings will then have plaques stating the title and year.

Ellen Given will be attending the Hudson 101 **Preservation Workshop** this month and also the Mass Historical Commission seminar in Boston next month. Other SHC members had attended the workshop in the spring when given in Springfield, MA.

Lyn reported that she had been working with another Boy Scout for his Eagle Badge this fall. He will start clearing the brush and undergrowth at the **Haynes Garrison Site** on Water Row. Lyn will ask Bill Place if his department will take the pile of brush away

once it is completed. They will come back in the spring and plant flowers and put up two picnic tables and plant grass. John Iberg has offered to clean the stone and paint the lettering black so it is readable.

### **Miscellaneous Items**

Lyn reported that she spent eight hours going back to 1976 and sorting all the files of the SHC. All filing has been completed by date and from 2000 on are in the file cabinet in the office. The previous years are filed in the Art Room by date and subject matter.

Jim Hill reported that he attended the Selectman's meeting call for a discussion on the property on Boston Post Road at the corner of Peakham. The town proposes to build thirteen units and leave the unused portion for conservation. The SHC voted in support of this proposal.

Adolf is going to research an ornament to celebrate a town function which was sent to us through the mail. This is something that we could sell in the store. He is also going to continue to research have John Power's record made into a CD which we could sell.

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 PM

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 17 October 2008 at 7 PM  
(note change from Tuesday to Wednesday due to the election)

Respectfully Submitted,

Lyn MacLean  
Chairman/Secretary

CC: Town Manager, Jody Kablack, Mark Thompson, Bill Place, Jim Kelly, Art Richard