

SUDBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, 12 AUGUST 2008

Those Present:

Adolf Bahlkow	Jim Hill
Doc Fitzgerald	Jim Hodder
Ellen given	Lyn MacLean
	Liz Radoski

The minutes of 17 June 2008 were accepted as typed and disseminated. Bills were passed in to Jim Hill to be submitted for payment from the town.

**Events** - The Town Father's Forum will be held on 9 September at 8 PM in the lower Town Hall. Jim and Lyn will present for ten minutes and the rest of the Commission will attend if questions are asked specific to their responsibilities.

The Minuteman Fair will be held on Saturday, 27 September at the Wayside Inn. Doc has submitted the application and payment. We could use another white tent.

Holiday Open House will be held on December 6 and 7<sup>th</sup> from 10 to 4 PM and on December 10 & 11<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 9 PM. The "thank you party" will be held on Friday, 5 December. Liz now has all rooms with decorators in each. The theme this year is "Holidays Through Time".

**Projects** – Liz is working with the Boy Scouts to complete the walkway from the back hall door to the driveway. Park and Rec cleaned up the patio and widened the pathway so that the Scouts could put in plantings and brick. Liz also is working with another troop to paint the fence at Wadsworth Cemetery. She has spent hours trimming and weeding the Fairy Garden but there is more to do so Ellen offered to finish it up. Park and Rec told us they would cut back the lilac bushes in the fall.

**CPC** – The Commission voted unanimously to award Kai the Phase II portion of the Restoration of the Rev. Cemetery. He has done a wonderful job on Phase I, above and beyond our expectations. Jim Hodder will take the map of the cemetery, which Adolf poured hours into updating; to be sure all the information is correct before the final plaque is completed.

The railings and posts have been ordered for the Training Field. Bill Place told Jim Hodder that the driveway with crushed stone dust would be put in this week. Bill has found a person who will cut the field which needs to be done soon.

Jim Hill went over the plans that Danti has updated for the Hosmer Ceiling. The Commission voted unanimously for this latest plan. It has a steel frame around the whole room which will give it added support. Jim will show them to Mike Melnick and also Jim Kelly. The next step will be to have the footings tested. The Commission also voted unanimously to have the air conditioning installed while these renovations are being done. Lyn and Liz, others may join them, will be making a list of other repairs that should be done when the storeroom and air conditioning has been completed. The kitchen floor has been sanded and a finish applied. The ceiling should be done next week and two pieces of furniture from the kitchen are in the process of being refinished.

The front door is in need of repair as there is rot under the threshold. Hopefully that can be completed this month so the door can be painted at the same time as the upstairs bathroom ceiling.

John of the Ironworks Company is to meet with Bill Place to set up a time for installation of the cemetery gates along Concord Road. Jim Hill wants to be sure the plans for that road will not disturb the gates so installation might have to wait until spring.

Elaine Jones is working on a donation letter to the Shilts family regarding their giving the town the Hearse House. Work is slowly progressing on installing the hand hewn boards along the bottom of the sills on the building.

Jim Kelly sent the Commission an e-mail regarding repairs to Loring Parsonage. The Commission discussed the pros and cons of this endeavor and Jim Hill will meet and respond to Jim Kelly's request.

Lyn and Adolf will meet chose the paintings that should be considered for the appraisal. Once this has been completed Lyn will meet with Elaine Jones to have her help with the proper way to write the bid.

**Miscellaneous Items:** Lyn will speak with Mark Thompson when he gets back from vacation regarding the Registry of Deeds request for pictures of Sudbury. The suggestion was made to give them the one we have of the Wayside Inn but Mark may have it on his computer and want to add others.

Ellen is working on sorting out the music from the attic and Lyn and Liz found more sheet music in the dining room as they were cleaning and taking inventory. The downstairs hall inventory has been completed and the hutch was rearranged with other dishes that belonged to Florence.

Doc suggested that an inventory of all the cup plates be taken. This will be a real big job and help from some of the docents will be needed. Liz is hold two training sessions this fall for new docents and a review for the others as things are changing in the house.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lyn MacLean  
Chairman/Secretary

CC: Town Manager, Bill Place, Elaine Jones, Mark Thompson, Jim Kelly, Art Richard, Scott Taylor