SUDBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION TUESDAY, 15 JANUARY 2008

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

Absent: Ellen Given

The meeting was called to order at 7:21 PM. The minutes of 20 November were approved as corrected. Jim Hill gave a complete run down of the expenses, deposits and balances of the Memorial Funds as of the end of November. Payments of owed bills were discussed and will be turn in for payment on 16 January along with the John Power's estate donation of 10K.

Events:

The Commission discussed the Holiday Open House and how the weather affected some of the planned events and also the income from sales. On the positive side, having the Girl Scouts participate showing the interest of a younger generation was a plus. Liz will be holding a meeting to choose the theme for next year so the decorators can plan ahead. The window lights will stay in the windows until New Years next year and the signs will be put out earlier.

CPC Projects:

Hearse House – Most of the framing has been erected using the original timbers and authentic sills. They will be using half logs for the roofing with pieces of historic barns throughout. The hinges will be made by All Star Iron Works who have been restoring the cemetery fences.

Hosmer Ceiling – Elaine Jones is finishing up writing the bids. She and Jim put in the police detail for getting the steel beam into the house. Jim Kelly has approved the drawings so hopefully the bids can go out soon so work can start in February.

Ironworks – All Star Iron Works will receive payment as they have completed all with the exception of the gate which will be completed in the spring, weather permitting.

Loring Parsonage – Elaine is in the process of writing the bid as she is in receipt of all the necessary information from both Jim Hill and Jim Kelly.

Old Homes Survey – Gretchen Schuller's final bill has been submitted for payment. The rest of the funds will be spent on getting the 36 or so pages bound. Doc Fitzgerald is getting pricing and delivery dates so the brochure can hopefully be sold by our July Open House. Doc will pick up the individual sheets so the owners can look and approve them before going to print.

CPC Applications:

Jim Hill is our liaison to CPC and he reported that our submission for 10K appraisal funds for the Florence Hosmer paintings was approved and will be submitted to Town Meeting in April.

Our submission for 16K for the Training Field Dig has also been approved. Lyn submitted all the paperwork to Duncan Ritchie so that he can prepare a formal quote. Hopefully this can be started (once approved by Town Meeting) in April so that the field can be seeded by May.

Budget: Our budget was submitted to Jody. The Town Manager requested a 1% cut which we agreed to as it was level funded and the 1% will be taken our of art restoration.

Cell Tower:

The Massachusetts Historical Commission sent a letter requesting that we respond to them regarding Omnipoint placing a cell tower in the Martha Mary Chapel. Lyn sent an e-mail to Jody, Selectman, Omnipoint and MHC stating that if the structural integrity of the chapel was not in jeopardy and that the auxiliary equipment outside have historical coverage the SHC would agree.

The Commission suggested that a "Friend of the Hosmer House" be considered. There is a need for consultants such as legal, artistic, and people who want to help with the restoration. It was suggested that more cleaning help be hired rather than members doing the domestic chores.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Lyn MacLean CoChairman/Secretary

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