

SUDBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, 21 OCTOBER 2008

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

The meeting opened at 7:15 PM. The minutes of the September 08 SHC meeting were accepted as typed and disseminated. The financial report was given with an explanation of the carried forward amount.

Votes:

The Commission voted unanimously to pay Kai Nalenz of Gravestone Services of New England for the Completion of Phase II of the restoration of the Revolutionary Cemetery in Sudbury Center.

Jim Hodder is to request a proposal from Kai Nalenz for continuing conservation work on up to 38 gravestones/monuments, to be determined and prioritized by the SHC in conjunction with Mr. Nalenz, said final proposal to be approved by Town Council and executed as a change order to the contract. This was a unanimously vote.

The Commission voted unanimously to apply to CPC for restoration of historic gravestones in Mt. Pleasant/Old Town Cemetery. Jim Hodder will obtain what stones and the cost so a bid can be prepared once the funds are approved by CPC and Town meeting in the spring.

The Commission recommended acceptance of the quotation from E. Linda Poras, dated 15 October 2008 in the amount of 10K to 13K for the appraisal of the 420 Hosmer paintings as described in the SHR Request for Quotations. subject to review by Town Counsel. The SHC recommends that the Town Manager accept this quote on the basis of the lowest qualified bidder.

Budget

Lyn attend a meeting lead by the Town Manager and Selectman Larry O'Brien for the purpose of informing those attending that the town is in financial stress due to the State cut backs and the economy. Lyn gave each member a copy of the proposed SHC budget and she received recommendations which will be incorporated into the final level funded budget due 30 October. Figures are needed to finish the EBHosmer Fund portion which will complete our submission.

Events

On November 1st the Hosmer House will be rented for a "Sweet Sixteen" party and Liz and Ellen will be the Commission members on duty that night. The house will be used for the serving of refreshments as the dance will be at the First Parish across the street.

Trees need to be put in rooms before Thanksgiving. Nov 18th was chosen by some to bring them up from the cellar and set them up with lights. Sudbury Farms have donated

\$850 worth of food for the "Thank You to the Decorator's " party on Dec. 5th. Publication of the "Holidays Through Time" have been put in the Globe, Metro West, Town Crier, Action Unlimited and the Parmenter Newspaper. Susan Litowitz has designed the invitations and posters again this year, for which we are grateful. Liz has prepared the invitation list with addresses and will be contacting the docents to be on duty during the open houses.

Loring Parsonage

Four bids have been received and two bidders were chosen by the PBC, SHC and Building Department and they will meet on Thursday, 30 October to review them. Jim Hill requested that the PBC be a joint sponsor of this article at Town meeting as the CPC request is for 400K.

Hearse House

The volunteer work on the restoration of the Hearse House is moving along and hopefully will be mostly finished before snow flies. Jim Hill met with Town Counsel and a document is to be prepared for the tax credit value and given to Paul Kenney and Town Manager for approval.

Cemetery Gates

Bill Place, Jim Hill and the Ironworks people will meet to make final arrangements for the gates to be permanently installed to the road entering Conrod Road across them the Hearse House. Bill does not want cars going down that steep hill onto Concord Road as it is too dangerous with the curve there. It is hoped this can be done soon.

Hosmer House Ceiling

Campbell Corp received the bid for the restoration of the Hosmer ceiling as the lowest bidder. The contract has been signed by both parties and work should begin on 15 January, if not before. When that has been completed the next phase will be air conditioning. A subcommittee will be formed to make recommendations on the storeroom cabinets, hall wallpaper, floor refinishing and other restoration needs of the house.

Boy Scouts

The Wadsworth Cemetery fence and bushes have been completed. Work on the sun dial patio at the Hosmer House has been started. The stone marker at the Haynes Garrison site has been cleaned but the brush still needs to be cut back and bulbs planted. Jim Hodder will delivery the fence to the Training Field for the Boy Scout to install.

PAL

The report put out on the Training Field has been received and Jody made copies for each Comission member. Lyn recommended that a note be added to the document stating that this property had items illegally taken from it over many years by people trespassing with metal detectors.

Stone Mason

A quote has been received for 4K for the steps to be repaired and rebuilt going into the shed from the kitchen. 1.5K for closing up holes in the foundation which let the mice in. The Commission voted unanimously to accept this proposal and start work as soon as possible.

Wooden Railings

Jody was requested to put it in writing that wooden railings are to be installed when necessary on scenic roads. The Commission wants the next DPW director and future residents to know it is a policy that was agreed upon to follow because it was deemed it has merit.

Lyn is to contact Art Richard to have a motion/light detector installed at the peak of the shed towards Heritage Park. This will light up the walkway and Win Fitzgerald memorial area so it is possible to see to get to the parked cars at night in the back driveway of the Hosmer House.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lyn MacLean
Secretary

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