

Sudbury Historical Commission Meeting
Tuesday, 17 February 2009

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

The minutes of January 20th were accepted as typed. The financial report was given but the figures from the town only included up to the end of December. Jim is going to the Accounting Office to get January and February as he had requested. Some bills and deposits were outstanding which he will check on. Doc asked if donations could be added to the Win Fitzgerald Fund so paintings could be restored. It was decided to close out the Claire Jarvis Fund by purchasing stamps for \$25.

Liz reported she had cancelled the Villager's April meeting as the Hosmer House will not be ready until late May for rental. She is presently planning on May 31st Memorial Day as the first time the house will be open to the public since the start of the renovations. Liz will not be here for the Fourth of July and she is requesting that other members take the lead for this event. Three rooms have been requested for the Holiday Open House in December. The rooms will be decided on at the June meeting of the Decorators. She has already received requests for rental of the house during that week.

Jim Hill discussed the code for Exit signs and the e-mail which Jim Kelly sent to him stating his recommendations of what needs to be done to bring the house up to code.

We are awaiting a quote from the painter on the hallways and ballroom. As soon as these are finished we can start moving some of the furniture back to where it belongs. Jim went into detail on what was recommended by the electrician to bring the wiring up to code. (a copy of the quote will be attached to the office copy) A box will be installed in the cellar with the newest type of breakers for a cost of approximately 5K. It will cost 2.5K to fix the external lighting and up-date the wiring to the storeroom and ballroom. We are waiting for a quote for wrapping the steel beams in the storeroom.

On Thursday, 19 February there is a meeting with the Sudbury Historic District to review what is planned for the renovations at the Loring Parsonage. Liz will be presenting all the work she has done to meet the requirements with copies of the plans and procedures. Members are asked to attend to give Liz support for all the work she has done. The Permanent Building Committee will also be there along with a Consultant on Historic Preservation who is working with the Design Contractor.

CPC presentations at Town Meeting: Liz will present on the Loring Parsonage renovations and Rosemary Harvell will present on the preservation of the town documents. Rosemary will be requested to attend our next meeting so that the Commission can review what she plans to present. Jim Hodder and Doc should be ready in case their articles on the consent calendar may be requested to be held.

The Hearse House has had some work done on it in the past few weeks and we hope that will continue so it will be finished by spring. Adolf reported that he and Lyn met with the Art Appraisal people to give them the 18 books of photographs of Miss Hosmer's paintings so that they can start putting them on CDs and do research before they come to review the paintings once we get them hung on the walls again.

Lyn reminded everyone of Police Chief Fagen's going away party to be held at the Grange Hall with a presentation being made at 6 PM on March 3rd. Joe and Ruth Brown have been chosen by the Grange to be honored as citizen of the year. When the date of the award is made known the Commission members should try to attend as Joe served on the Historical Structural Committee.

Lyn informed the Commission that the Society has requested a meeting with us to discuss and get some ideas on how to plan and go about finding a place where they could find a permanent home so they can display the town artifacts. Lyn will contact Joe Bausk to set up a meeting before our March meeting.

Doc read the write up in our "Old Homes Survey" regarding the 196 North Road property that is up for sale. It was built around 1715 and is in need of repair. The Commission wishes to be kept informed of what is going on with this building Jody is involved and she will let us know what progress has been made.

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lyn MacLean

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