

SUDBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY 21 JULY 2009

Those Present:

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM. The minutes of June were accepted as typed and disseminated. Jim Hill gave the financial report for FY09. Liz will be handling the financial records for FY10 and will meet with Jim for the transition. She will also meet with Marilyn in the Accounting Department to understand the procedures going forward.

Events:

There is a request for a rental in April 2010 which Liz will respond to with approval.

Lyn reported that the Fourth of July Open House was a success and several painting prints were sold along with throws. Many people were impressed with the renovations which are still in process. Both Cecilia Sharman and Don Soule displayed their art work to the delight of all present. The newspaper and cable coverage were a big help.

Cup Plates:

It was voted six to one to proceed with ordering 100 colored and 50 clear of this year's cup plate. Doc will call Pair Point to confirm the quote he was given earlier. Doc, Liz, Lyn and Janice Rudolph will hand carry the design to Sandwich by the end of the month.

Appraisals:

Lyn informed the Commission of the status of the painting appraisals which will be completed in the next two weeks. All paintings have been photographed, researched, documented and placed in a book. Genealogy that was gathered has been passed on to Adolf to be used in his research of the Hosmer family.

Properties:

Jim Hodder reported that he had meet with the DPW and the decision was made that the parking area at the Training Field would not be enlarged as it was the opinion that it was large enough for a car to back around and head out so there was not a safety issue. Jim was asked to cut back the bushes in front of the Hosmer House.

It was a unanimous vote to order a kiosk for the Haynes Garrison site. The plaque in memory of Win Fitzgerald has been installed on the arbor. We are still waiting for the trees and brush on the left side to be taken down by the town. There also are two large trees to the right that should also be taken down as they are very, very dead.

Hosmer House:

Jim Hill led us all into the Hosmer House storeroom to view the distressed look on the beams that were made by the carpenter to match existing beams. It was hoped that this could be completed soon so they could be stained and then the room could be painted. This room needs to be ready for use in November. Jim is waiting for the exit back door in the hall to be installed. The steps leading out of this door needs to be replaced and a mason will be doing this work within the next few weeks. The steps out to the shed will be worked on at the same time. The carpenter is to measure the parlor and dining room so picture molding and finished molding can be ordered. Jim has met with Elaine Jones to go over the wording for the bids which will go out for the air conditioning of the Hosmer House. It is planned that this work can be completed by early fall. The Commission discussed the possibility of closing off a portion of the shed so that a fire proof vault could be installed. A vault is

very much needed for some of our paintings and other valuable items that need to be protected. This will be on the agenda for the next few meetings until the right decision has been agreed upon.

Hearse House:

Work has been done on the Hearse House and a discussion took place regarding the placement of a kiosk, gate into the cemetery, repair of the stonewall and animal pound. Jim Hodder is going to research the possibility of obtaining a real old hearse. Jim Hill is still working on getting the building appraised for the previous owners who donated it to the town.

Cemeteries:

The bid for Mt. Pleasant and New Town Cemetery has been recommended to Town Manager for award to Sculpture and Decorative Arts Conservation as the low bidder. This was a unanimous approval by the SHC

Phase III of the Revolutionary War Cemetery has been recommended to Town Manager for award to Line & Stone, Inc. This also was a unanimous vote of approval by the SHC.

Loring Parsonage:

Liz reported that discussions had taken place regarding the shingles, siding and painting. She works daily with the Permanent Building Committee. The Contractor has ordered the material and it is planned that work will proceed this month and be finished by October.

Miscellaneous Items:

Doc reported that he and Lyn met with the Historical Society to walk the Battlefield behind Wadsworth Cemetery. It was suggested that the Society get a price and then talk it over with Jody about the possibility of going to CPC for funds to keep it as open space.

An account has been opened up at Cavicchio so we can now purchase plantings for our properties and it will be billed to our account and paid for out of our funding by the Accounting Department.

It was suggested that a cemetery stone be purchased for Miss Hosmer to match her parents and placed on her grave at Wadsworth Cemetery. Several members have contacts with monument companies so quotations can be requested to discuss at our next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 PM. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 18 August 09.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lyn MacLean
Chairman/Secretary

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