

SUDURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING

THURSDAY, 19 MARCH 2009

Those Present:

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

Absent:

Jim Hodder

The February minutes were accepted as typed. The financial report showed that we are on target with our budget and all bills have been submitted for payment. More money will be added to the Win Fitzgerald Fund and another painting will be chosen to be restored. The Claire Jarvis fund will be closed by our next meeting.

Events: Ellen offered to help Liz with the Memorial Day Open House on 25 May 09. The theme will be "Women in the Armed Forces" with a display being in the ballroom. The parlor will honor the volunteers and employees who have passed away this past year.

All Commission Members are requested to be present for the Fourth of July as Liz will be away. Ellen is going to speak to an artist so we will have a display for the public to view.

Plans are underway for the "Holiday Open House" with the theme being "Songs of the Holidays". The decorator's meeting are scheduled for 10 June, 9 September, November 29 & 30. Dec 4th will be the thank you party for decorators. Open House Dec 5, 6, 9 & 10th. Rebecca Circle Dec. 7th.

Cup Plates: Doc will contact the owner of Pair Point to see what the minimum order is. It was decided that 50 clear were necessary to order, but due to the economy we would have to cut down on the colored plates.

CPC Projects: Jim Hill gave an update of our on-going CPC projects as follows: Bud and Ben have been working on the Hearse House and will continue to do so until finished. The Ironworks at Wadsworth will be checked next time the contractor is in town. Jim is to talk with Bill Place regarding setting in the gates along Concord Road by the tombs. Jim is also going to have Jim Hodder contact Kai to have him complete the grave stones that are being protected in the Hosmer cellar. It is important that they be repaired now that the weather is better they can be placed back in the Rev. Cemetery.

Loring Parsonage: Liz reported that six bids for the roof have been received... She has informed Bill Place that all the plantings around the building can be taken away. She will contact Mark Thompson to get pictures of the building to show at Town Meeting while she is giving her presentation.

Hosmer House Restoration:

Storeroom: The contractor Campbell Company has been paid for the installation of the metal beams in the storeroom. The metal now needs to be wrapped with wood. The carpenter is presently working on the cabinets to be installed on the east wall. The electrician has taken down the wall lights and the chandeliers have been chosen along with the counter lights by Lyn and Liz. These will be placed on a dimmer and installed once the new ceiling has been put in place. This room will be painted when the molding has been replaced and some of the floor boards have been replaced.

Hallways: A narrow ceiling molding will be added to both the upstairs and downstairs hallways. A picture molding will be placed about 12 inches below to prevent holes being put in the new wallpaper. Both hallways have been completely painted with the top portion of each having a reproduction wallpaper applied. The back door in the lower hall must be replaced in order to swing out to meet the building code. A window will be put in the door to give light down the hall. All exit lights will be replaced with those that are required by the building code with some having emergency lighting.

Ballroom: The ceiling has been scraped, cracks repaired and a fresh coat of paint. Presently the trim and walls are being freshly painted. The lighting in this room will stay the same.

Back Steps: Jim Hill will contact a mason so give a quote to upgrade the back steps coming in from the shed. These are a safety issue at present. Also a wider platform will have to be made off the outside of the hall steps in order for the door to swing out.

Cellar: Lyn will speak to Jim Kelly to see if Larry can help her and Liz with cleaning the cellar and making a few trips to the dump. The Ox Yoke in the cellar will be hung on the shed wall off the kitchen.

Critter Control: Lyn has disposed of 26 mice in the past three weeks and it has become a very big problem. Lyn will speak with Art and Jim to see who the town uses. Lyn recommended New England Pest Control as she has worked with them for her church. The mice have destroyed our cabinet which holds our paper supplies and are also running all over our paintings and furniture leaving their calling cards.

Professional Cleaner: It was unanimously voted to have the whole house cleaned as the dust is everywhere. Once this has been accomplished all Commission Members will put back the rugs and furniture and clean it again.

Fairy Garden: Ellen will work with Sue Jackson to clean up the garden this spring. Liz has plants for the Sun Dial Garden which she will plant when it gets warmer.

Haynes Garrison Site: Lyn will find out when the two tree stumps will be cut down. When this is done the arbor which is in the shed will be placed between the split rail fence openings facing Water Row. Lyn will meet with Chris of Park and Rec to have the lilac bushes cut back.

Hosmer Genealogy: Adolf is meeting with Bill Johnson to do more research on the lineage of the Hosmer family. He is also working with Linda Poras on the painting appraisals

All fingers are crossed hoping to meet the deadline of the house being finished by Memorial Day. There is a lot of work before us but all working hard together we will get it done.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lyn MacLean
Chairman & Secretary

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