

SUDBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES

Tuesday, 19 May 2009

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

The meeting opened at 7:10 PM. The minutes of the April meeting were accepted as typed. The Financial Report was received along with an e-mail from the Town Treasurer information us of the financial restraints the town is presenting experiencing. The Women's Club donated a check for \$25 in memory of Muriel Plonko. This will be deposited in the Hosmer Fund and Lyn will write a thank you to Ruth Brown. The Commission received a bill from Sue Jackson for all the plantings she did on the patio. There are several bills expected which need to be paid before June 30th.

Ellen informed us that she had received four pictures for the Memorial Day display and she had sent 18 letters to the list given her by the Town. Susan will be printing up the information on each person. The ballroom and bedrooms will have a display of "Women In Uniform" which the Sudbury Vets are sponsoring this year. Professor Howe of Tufts U. will be on cable and in the newspaper for coverage of this event and the open house.

The artists for the Fourth of July will be Cecil Sherman and Donald Soule. Liz will be away but she has already secured the docents for that event. Barbara Bahlkow will run the book sale table.

The Commission voted approval of the renovation to the cellar hole and foundation on Lincoln Meadows. The Conservation Commission asked for our input as they consider this request to make a storage shed by the community gardens. Lyn will inform Debbie Deneen.

The Selectmen's Goals were received and the following response was sent to them:

"The SHC would like the Selectmen to keep the historic renovation projects that the Commission has been awarded from the CPC funds as a priority on their Goals. We appreciate their support of these many projects and feel they are of the utmost importance to be brought to completion."

Jody requested that the SHC goals be written up and sent to her. The Commission gave suggestions to Lyn and approved her sending them to her.

Liz and Lyn attended the Planning Board meeting to hear of stonewall and tree issues on a scenic road. Liz reported that the owners and contractors agreed to the suggestions made.

The Hosmer House storeroom will not be completed for Memorial Day but it is planned to be useable for July Fourth so that cup plates can be sold. The steel beams have all been covered with wood and are awaiting staining so they look like the old ones. The light fixtures have to be installed, the floor and walls painted and the furniture moved back in.

The completion date for Loring Parsonage is the end of September. The drainage has been completed and the bids awarded. Liz has been meeting with the PBC so the lines of communication have been kept open.

The bids for Phase 3 of the Revolutionary Cemetery have gone out. The Commission was happy that town meeting approved restoration of 18 stones at New Cemetery and Mt. Pleasant. Adolf will ask Nathan Burke to help him go over the chart of names in the Rev. Cemetery in preparation of the plaque which will be made to go on the granite marker map.

Doc is to meet with Elaine Jones to go over the cost breakdown of the next phase of the "Old Homes Survey" which just got passed at this year's town meeting.

Lyn met with Joe Poras to go over some of the paintings that are out on loan or that we did not have pictures of. He has made an inventory with a picture and nomenclature of all 467 paintings. He and his wife Linda will start the appraisal process now that they have everything documented. He gave us a DVD with all paintings on it for our records.

Cup Plates: The design for next year was chosen and Doc will contact Janice Rudoph to see if she is interested in drawing it for us. The minimum cost is \$900 and we will sell them for \$15 each.

Jim Hodder is to find out when Bill Place is going to have his men mow the Training Field. Lyn wrote a thank you note to Tom Russo for all the landscaping he did around the Hosmer House.

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lyn MacLean
Chairman/Secretary

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