

SUDBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 2009

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

The minutes of October were approved as typed. The Financial Report was given and the bill for this year's cup plate has been submitted for payment. The two new paintings that have new frames and been cleaned have been paid for from the Win Fitzgerald Memorial Fund.

Events: The Open House will be held Dec 5th and 6th from 10 AM to 4 PM and Dec 9th and 10th from 6 to 9 PM. The party for the decorators will be held on Friday night Dec 4th. The theme this year is "Songs from the Holidays". The Hosmer House has been rented for Monday, 7 Dec. at night at 7 to 10:30 PM and Lyn will cover. Doc will cover the night of Dec 6th. Lyn will speak to the Deaconess Group on the afternoon of Dec 7th. The Town party will be held on Thursday, Dec 10th and Liz will cover that. Deter and his group may play on Saturday. Ellen will play the flute on Sunday and Larry O'Brien will read to the children on Sunday afternoon. The Girl Scouts will have a separate thank you party on Dec 11th and Lyn and Liz will cover that. All members are expected to be at all the open house dates as we need coverage and Pat Howard has worked on the docent list. Refreshments will be purchase at BJs along with kitchen supplies.

Demolition By-Law – The Commission met at 10 AM on Friday, 13 November at 189 Boston Post Road to go through the house that is owned by Vincent Mercuri. Jim Kelly had sent a letter to the SHC with the application for demolition of this property. The Commission examined the buildings both inside and outside. The house was in need of major repairs due to deterioration over time. There have been additions built onto the original four rooms over the years which were of a more current time period and along with the clapboards and roof not consistent with initial construction date. After much discussion a motion was made and seconded permitting to demolish this property:

Vote: A vote was taken 6 to 1 to NOT object to the request for a demolish permit of 189 Boston Post Road. Lyn will prepare a letter to Jim Kelly informing him of this vote.

Members were asked to attend the Planning Board meeting to be held Thursday, 19 November where this property will be discussed.

Tree Hearings – Wednesday, December 9th at 7 PM at the Flynn Building a hearing will be held for trees that were taken down on Old County Road by Herb Chambers of Boston Post Road Inc. A tree hearing is also scheduled for that night for trees to be taken down on Mossman Road. Members should try to attend these hearings.

Hosmer House Restoration – Jim Hill reported that the electrician will be back on Friday to install the outlets and exit signs. He has already installed the chandeliers in the storeroom. In January he will work on the electrical panel in the cellar in install receptacles behind the hall paintings. The windows, air conditioning and painting the dining room, floors and bedroom trim will be done in January. There are enough funds left to cover these costs.

Loring parsonage – Liz, Mike Melnick and Jim Kelly prepared a punch list to be sent to the contractor A list of 60 things that they are not pleased with which include: no prep work, window pane missing, no paint on inside of sashes, most windows need work; insulation was missing in the shed addition attic. Negotiations are taking place on the brick walkway. The contractor did an excellent job but the subcontractor did not.

Cemeteries – Mt Pleasant and New Town Cemeteries have all the stones put back in place and they will be cleaned. Kevin will start to repair the Revolutionary Cemetery stones that are in the cellar of the Hosmer House. Liz will find out if Elaine Jones has the radar information that is needed for the next CPC request for the Rev. Cemetery.

Old Homes Survey – Doc reported that a contract had been signed by Gretchen Schuler to have 26 properties documented within the next year.

Haynes Garrison Site - Lyn has requested that the picnic table and bench be stored in the shed for the winter. Art Richard has been informed of this. Royce Kahler has sent historic information on the Training Field and Lyn will give a copy to Jody and the Town Clerk.

Hearse House – Jim Hill will call Bill Place to go over the plans for putting in the electricity. Art Richard was aware of the plans sometime ago.

Cup Plates – 150 colored and 50 clear have been received and ready for this year's sale.

Painting Inventory List – Adolf and Lyn are making a list of the numbers and names of each oil painting hanging in each room and a location list of all paintings. The master list is being up dated and a copy will be in the files and another one hanging in the Art Room.

Town Owned Property – Doc offered to be the SHC contact person to review the articles that the Town owns which are in the possession of others, such as the items that the Society has been keeping for the Town. The library and schools also have items.

Poster – Jim Hill will ask Susan to get a price for 25 posters to be reproduced of “Closing the Veil” which was prepared by the Danforth Museum when Miss Hosmer's paintings were on display. They will be for sale as soon as we receive them.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lyn MacLean
Chairman/Secretary

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