

SUDBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER 2009

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

The minutes of 20 August were accepted as typed. The financial report was given and a word of caution that things are going to be tight this year as funds are low.

Events: Liz is going to meet with Elaine Jones to discuss the insurance issue regarding the use of wine punch by rental customers in October. We need the income but want to be covered by the law.

All holiday songs have been assigned and ten rooms will be decorated for the Open House. Mark your calendars for December 5th and 6th from 10 AM to 4 PM and December 9th and 10th from 6 PM To 9 PM. The first meeting of the decorators was held two weeks ago. Colors were chosen to paint the parlor. New drapes will be made and a cushion for the bench will be donated by Barbara Phillips of Center Stage Interior Designs.

We will have a booth at the Minuteman Fair on Saturday, 26 September from 10 to 4 PM. Ellen and Lyn will meet at 5PM on Friday the 25th to pack up the things that will be for sale. Doc and Jim Hill will meet at 6:30 PM to pack the two large tables, two tents, six chairs and boxes into the station wagon. A few docents will help out that day along with members of the Commission.

Hosmer House Renovations: Ben Walker will be finished with the beams this week and then Steve Richard will start the staining and painting of the walls in the storeroom. Colonial gold will be painted on the top half of the parlor with the trim to be the same as the hallways. The electrician is scheduled to finish the lighting as soon as the painting has been completed. The installation of air conditioning will start in January 2010. The 40 inch platform off the back hall exit will be started this month and the steps from the shed to the kitchen will also be worked on. Five windows need to be repaired and Jim Hill will arrange for that to be done.

Hearse House: The stone foundation has been completed. The window for the top back side has been planned for and wooden floor boards will be installed over the cement flooring.

Loring Parsonage: The roof has been completed with new cedar wooden shingles. The dentals are finished and the siding is in progress. The handicapped door is a problem and had to be redesigned and Liz will meet with the Historic District on 15 October to inform them. The ramp will be made of wood and the DPW will help with this project. All sash and windows are out, restored, re-glazed and repainted. Metal flashing will be used to make them tighter and storm windows will be added to the inside if and when they may be needed.

Painting Appraisal: Lyn met with Joe Poras and corrections were made to the book of Miss Hosmer's paintings which Linda Poras submitted. They will meet again this next week to go over the final copy. A CD has been made for a cost of \$200 that has all the paintings and nomenclature without pricing and preface. This can be used in the future to make brochures or put some paintings on the website.

Survey of Old Homes: Doc met with Elaine to go over the wording of the bid to have about 26 homes built before 1900 documented. Colored photos were requested to be required under the guidelines of the Mass Historic Commission. Doc obtained a CD from the MHC and will let Elaine borrow it, since it has guidance on how to prepare paperwork.

Cemeteries: Liz reported that Barbara Magnum has been paid 40% of the first contract. Kevin will be starting soon on the Old Town Cemetery. Kai has been there working on Phase II of the Revolutionary Cemetery.

Lyn hand delivered a letter to the Sudbury Police Department for them to inform the DA of the cost of replacement of the damaged tombs (20K) plus the cost of the temporary repairs (\$604.24) needed to protect them from further damage. (file copy has letter attached)

CPC FY10: The Commission members took a tour of the Hosmer House cellar to see where a vault could be installed. This is necessary to store paintings and historic paperwork. Rosemary Harvell has shared her research into the proper way to store such items. It was a unanimous vote to submit a design proposal to CPC for planning purposes for this unit to be built in the near future. Jim Hill will bring this to the next meeting on October 30th.

Miscellaneous Items: Liz requested that Ellen water the rose bushes from now on, since they need to be done twice a week. Ellen will contact the DPW to see if there is mulch that can be used to put around them to prepare them for winter.

Jim Hodder will get white ribbon to be put on furniture that is not to be sat on. He also offered to put up the outside wreaths and get the ribbon for the holidays.

Adolf suggested that a “no parking” sign and a “private party” sign be made by Bob Leonard. He will approach him at the Minuteman Fair to see what the cost would be.

Adolf sent a letter to the Peabody Essex Museum thanking them for sending us information and a photograph of the portrait of Miss Charlotte Sanders Nichols that was painted by Miss Hosmer and is in their possession. If the Museum would like to have an exhibition of “Salem Ladies” the SHC would be willing to loan five of them for such an event.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lyn MacLean, Secretary
Sudbury Historical Commission

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