

Sudbury Historical Commission Meeting  
Tuesday, 24 August 2010

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

The Commission met at 6:40 PM at the **Hearse House** by the Revolutionary Cemetery. They were impressed by the authenticity of the interior of the building. Hand hewed beams, ladder and stonework made the wait for the completed restoration worthwhile. Ben Walker and Bud Harworth did excellent craftsmanship in using the original buildings material and blending it with old wood.

The minutes of July were accepted as typed and disseminated. All bills have been submitted for payment and upcoming expenses were discussed so we can stay within our budget.

Upcoming events for September are the Minuteman Fair on 25 September and the meeting involving the decorators for the Holiday Open House.

**CPC Project Updates:** Liz showed pictures of what the Boy Scouts have accomplished at **Loring Parsonage**. The fence has been scraped and painted; two picnic benches have been made, sealed and put in place for use by the town employees.

**Hosmer House:** An electrical panel has been installed in the basement which now has all wires and equipment housed in one area with a light in the enclosure located by the bulkhead. The mason has installed four stone steps into the shed for safe entrance into the kitchen area. One solid large stone has been placed on the sundial patio outside the back hall door. This allows the door to open out so that we meet building code standards. The Commission was very please with the work the stone mason has accomplished as it keeps within the historic boundaries of using what would have been in place when the house was built.

The air condition contractor has been hired and the Permanent Building Committee has the contract to go over and approve. It will take eight weeks for the order of equipment to be received for installation. They will start with the pad outside the house and installing the vents inside the house while waiting for the equipment to arrive. The electricity is presently in the process of being installed.

The floors of the Hosmer House will be refinished and painted at the beginning of next year. Rick DePres will be working at the house the end of the month to install molding in the parlor, which has been ordered. He will work on the back door to make a smooth closure, install a window in the art room, make a display case for the storeroom and lay tile in the downstairs bathroom.

**Cemeteries:** Liz reported that Elaine Jones will be working on the Radar bids for the Rev. Cemetery in September as she now has all the necessary paperwork to do so. The whole of the Revolutionary Cemetery will be done and Liz is investigating if it can be put on the town GIS. Kevin will be back working in the cemetery in September as the weather has been hot, humid or raining. Barbara will submit her report in September of the New Town and Mt. Pleasant cemetery repairs of grave stones. Liz was requested to find out the cost of completing the Rev Cemetery so all stones are straight. Those that are left slanted could break if not brought up-right soon.

**Tombs:** The damaged tomb doors are almost finished and ready to be put in place. Ironworks has done an excellent job matching the slate and repairing the cracked pieces. They are awaiting the arrival of the forged hinges before installing. Jim Hill is working on getting the proper paperwork for the restitution of payment from the courts.

**CPC Application for FY12:** Wadsworth Gazebo needs to have a new roof and walls cleaned up, stone wall repair around the center of the town and band stand, kiosk for the Hearse House, dog pound gate repaired and stones put back in place, landscaping at Loring Parsonage and lamp over the Town Hall (if Maureen approves of lamp)

Lyn is to contact Rick Depres to make a small kiosk for the Haynes Garrison Site. She has a drawing of the house that was on the foundation, a map and history of the site given to her by Lee Swanson. This will be put on display in the kiosk so people can appreciate the historic value of the site.

**Cup Plates** have been ordered. 50 clear, 150 colored

Jim Hodder and Doc Fitzgerald will water the rose bushes while Liz is away for two weeks.

Ellen was requested to return all the music that she has inventoried. She will give Lyn a list of duplicate documents that she wants the Selectmen to approve be given to organizations that have interest in the information.

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Lyn MacLean, Chairman/ Secretary  
Sudbury Historical Commission

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