

Sudbury Historial Commission Minutes
Tuesday, 15 June 2010

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

The minutes of May were accepted as typed. The Financial Report was given and the Commission was informed that the funds not spent from the General Fund would be transferred to the DPW to help pay for the trees taken down at the Haynes Garrison Site. All bills are to be submitted by June 15th in order to get paid from this years Fiscal Budget.

Events:

Memorial Day - Ellen reported on the success of the Memorial Day Open House where the volunteers and employees who passed away this year were honored. She has sent thank you notes to all the families when returning the photographs. The display in the ballroom by Peter Harvell of the military models was a big draw bringing in 362 people to tour the house.

Fourth of July - Liz reported that all the publicity has gone to the local newspapers. The Hosmer House will be open from 10 to 3 on July 4th. Barbara Bahlkow will be selling books by the front walkway. Natalie Eaton will display her paintings in the parlor and Helen Marie Casey and Timothy Coyne will have many displays in the ballroom of Florence Hosmer's letters, cards, journals, records and maps. Helen will have excerpts of her book she is writing about Miss Hosmer.

Minuteman Fair - Doc reported that the money and paperwork has been submitted to reserve a booth at the fair to be held on September 25 in the field at the Wayside Inn.

Jim Hodder will be requested to help set up the tents and bring down the sale items.

Holiday Open House - The decorator's meeting was held and the rooms chosen with the them being holidays celebrated from November to January. The list is attached. The Open House will be December 4 & 5 from 10 to 4, December 8 & 9 from 6 to 9 PM and December 11 from 10 to 4. The deocorator's party will be held Friday night 3 December.

Rental: The house will not be rented from July to November due to renovations taking place. The Hosmer House has been rented on December 5th to the Democrates, the 6th to the Rebecca Circle, the 8th to the Garden Club and the 9th the town employees party, the tenth the Garden Club and the 11th the Villagers. The Society will join the open house on the 5th after 2 PM.

CPC Projects:

Hosmer House: Ballroom floor has had roping installed. The AC project is planned to go out to bid the beginning of July with the walkthrough scheduled for 24 June. The basement bulkhead has had an inside bar installed and screening installed around the large hole where the pipes run underground. The electrician will be installing a motion detector in the kitchen. The stone mason will install the hall back doorway platform and shed steps out of the kitchen by November. The painter will start on the floors as soon as the AC is in.

Loring Parsonage: The grass is growing nicely and it is planned to put a shrub in a planter at each side of the front door in the fall, if there is enough money to do so.

Cemeteries: Mt. Pleasant and New Town have been completed and the written report will be submitted by September. A repair has been made to one of the gravestones that were in pieces and it has been placed back in the Revolutionary Cemetery. The gates along Concord Road have been installed and the gate and post top have been re-installed at Wadsworth Cemetery.

Tombs: The doors have been removed along with all the broken pieces and are presently being worked on by the contractor. The hinges will be forged so they are the same as what was originally there. It is planned to have everything back in place by early fall.

Hearse House: It is expected that Ben Walker will have completed his work by the end of the month. Some iron hinges are being restored and new ones are being made by Iron Works.

Old Homes Survey: Doc reported that he had met with Gretchen Schuler and she is presently working on a few houses that she added as the old forms needed to be updated and two of the homes had been demolished.

The landscaping around the Hosmer House has never looked so good. All the roses are in bloom and new hosta has been planted. Liz has put in many hours accomplishing this with the help of the Sudbury Garden Club cleaning and planting in the Fairy Garden. We appreciate the help Art Richard gives us when we need small maintenance repairs.

The Haynes Garrison site is scheduled to be weed whacked and the mulch left from the tree grinding stumps to be placed in front of the marker stones at the Training Field.

Ten prints each of the Wayside Inn and Open Door are to be ordered so they can go on sale for July 4th. Janice Rudolf has been requested to design this year's cup plate and Lyn will meet with her regarding the topic.

Jim Hodder will request the DPW to trim the pivot bushes in front of the Hosmer House and spread the stone dust before July 4th. We also appreciate all the help Bill Place gives us to keep all the properties we are responsible for looking so good.

Adolf sent John Power's book to Patrick Cooperman for all the information he has helped us with on tracing down some of Miss Hosmer's paintings. Patrick also met with Helen Marie Casey and gave her a tour of the Grafton Historical Society where she got more information for her book.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lyn MacLean
Chairman/Secretary

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