

Sudbury Historical Commission Minutes  
16 November 2010

Those Present: Ellen Given, Jim Hodder, Lyn MacLean, Liz Radoski, Guest: Bill Johnson and Andrew MacEntee. Absent: Doc Fitzgerald, Jim Hill

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM. The minutes of October were approved as typed. The financial report was given as \$660 deposited, \$201 of which was from the Minuteman Fair. Bills have been submitted for \$85 for the exterminator and \$405.00 for landscaping of the Haynes Garrison Site and Railroad Section House for the month of October, leaving a balance of \$2,900.00. The first payment for the cup plates has been made with another bill expected as soon as the colored cup plates arrive.

Liz gave a full report on the upcoming "Winter Holidays" Open House at the Hosmer House, which will have eleven rooms decorated. The house will be open on December 4 & 5th from 10 to 4 PM, Dec 8 & 9th from 6 to 9 PM and Dec 11 from 10 to 4 PM. Wednesday, 8 December story time will be at 6:45 read by Selectmen Larry O'Brien and children can attend dressed in their pajamas. The many organizations will start decorating the rooms on 29 November continuing into the next week. The private party to thank all those involved will take place on Friday, 3 December from 7 to 9 PM. Ellen and Bill will install the window lights on Saturday. Jim and Amy Hodder will put up the wreaths as soon as they are received, including the ribbons which we already have. The trees will be put up during the next week or so. Dec 29th Liz and Lyn will participate in a taping by Comcast that will be put on cable TV. Liz has submitted coverage in the local newspapers

Rentals: Lyn will cover Monday, 6 December rental. Lyn and Liz will cover the town party on Friday, 10 Dec. Lyn will cover 12 Dec rental with help from Ellen. Liz will cover the Girl Scout and Children's tea party. There are other rentals to be covered and Liz will be contacting members to help out as we are shorthanded this year due to sickness. Pat Howard has contacted many docents who are volunteering their time for the open houses.

Liz also reported that she took part in the HOPE auction and they made 58K. We donated four cup plates and they sold for \$25.00. Hope Sudbury always decorates a room for us.

Kevin is still working on the gravestones in the Revolutionary Cemetery and will continue to do so while the weather is good. Once the weather changes he will take some stones to work on inside and put them in place in the spring.

Jim Hill will submit the projects for the CPC 2011 application as discussed at our last meeting. He has received quotes on several of the submissions and will work with Jody to meet the deadline.

The Commission decided to send the letter received from Karen Tobin to the Historical Society to the attention of Lee Swanson. She had requested participation in publishing a book of Sudbury documentation and pictures. We do not have access to the information she was requesting therefore the decision was made to forward it to the Society.

A unanimous vote was taken to inform the Building Inspector, Jim Kelly, that the structures at 293 and 301 Old Lancaster Road are recommended to be demolished due to age deterioration. Commission members toured the property and found that the five years it had not been occupied and left to the elements had caused great damage.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend Bill Johnson be appointed to take the place of Adolf Bahlkow who had retired last month. Other applications had been received and will be place on hold until the next opening if Bill is appointed. He has been assisting the Commission for a few years on genealogy research of the Hosmer family and also attending the meetings and helping with volunteer work.

Gretchen Schuler has completed almost all of the "Old Homes Survey" forms and will submit the last few this next week. Commission members had gone over the forms she submitted a few months ago and found them to meet the criteria set for in the bid. When this is completed a bill will be submitted and the forms will complete Phase 3 of this project funded by CPC funding.

Lyn will work on the Budget which is due on 10 December and it will be submitted as level funding. Please let her know of any items you wish included as the rough draft will be sent to each member by e-mail for approval before meeting the deadline.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, 20 January 2011 at 7 PM at the Hosmer House.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lyn MacLean, Chairman

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