

Sudbury Historical Commission Meeting
Tuesday, 19 October 2010

Those Present: Adolf Bahlkow, Ellen Given, Jim Hill, Jim Hodder, Lyn MacLean, Liz Radoski; Guests: Hal Cutler, Bill Johnson; Absent: Doc Fitzgerald

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM. The minutes of September were approved as typed. Liz gave the financial report and informed the Commission that a check was received for \$500 in memory of Ken Richie. This will be deposited in the E.B.Hosmer Fund to be used for restoration of one of Miss Hosmer's paintings as stipulated in the donation.

Events: The Minuteman Fair held in September did not have the crowd as experienced in the past therefore it was a lot of work for little benefit. The decorators for the Holiday Open House have been in to the house and are working on each room they were assigned. Liz has met with Sudbury Farms to place the order for the decorator's party.

Several rentals will occur in the first week of December and they are covered by Commission members. Hope Sudbury will hold an auction on the 6th of November and we have donated four cup plates. Liz will give a talk on cable TV about the work we have completed and are presently involved in. Peter Harvell will be having a tape made on November 29th about the Open House and Lyn will narrate as required. This will be shown on the local cable TV.

CPC 2010 Update: Jim Hill reported that the work on the air conditioning being installed in Hosmer House is progressing. The grates have been put in and the duct work has been put in the cellar and attic. Three units have been installed with the main unit to be installed in January. Once this is in place some of the floors will be painted, molding installed in the parlor and some doors repaired.

The Revolutionary Cemetery is presently being worked on by Kevin. A Change Order will be submitted to reposition foot stones which must be done before winter. Elaine is working on the Ground Radar bids which will go out as soon as they are ready.

CPC Membership: The Commission unanimously recommended the appointment of Jim Hill to be their liaison to the CPC. Lyn will notify Jody so that the Town Manager will have our input and request her support for this candidate.

CPC 2011 Application: A place holder has been put in for the following projects: a plaque for the Hearse House plus a kiosk, restoration of the gazebo at Wadsworth Cemetery, weed control around town center, stone wall repair in town center, a head stone for Florence Hosmer.

CPC 2012: Hal Cutler attended the meeting to give a presentation on different types of fire suppression systems. The preaction automatic fire system was recommended but Hal advised a consultant on historic homes tour the house and give advice. Hal offered to watch over the installation once approved by Town Meeting. Doc and Jim Hodder are working on finding out all the roads in Sudbury that are named after a Minuteman that marched to Concord in 1775 so that granite markers can be erected on each road.

Demolition: Members toured the house on 72 Dakin Road in Sudbury as they had received a request for demolition on this property. After a discussion a vote was taken: five for demolishing the house and one opposed. Lyn will send a letter informing the Building Inspector of this decision.

Town Report: Lyn and Adolf completed the Town Report and passed out a copy for each member. It was a unanimous vote to submit the report as written.

Mass Historical Commission: Jim Hill will ask Doc if he will obtain the paperwork for the program of Stuartship Award for Preservation of Buildings from the MHC. The Commission would like to submit an application for the donation of the Hearse House by the Shilts family.

Membership in SHC: Bill Johnson attended the meeting and also submitted his application to become a member. Lyn will hand deliver this to the Town Manager's office to be considered when an opening on the Commission occurs.

Music: Ellen is still working on all the music from the Hosmer House. She hopes to be able to return it in organized order this next month.

Meeting Change: It was suggested that the SHC meet on a Thursday night as Tuesdays cause a conflict with the Selectmen's meeting. A decision will be made next month.

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lyn MacLean
Chairman/Secretary

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