

SUDBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER 2010

Those Present: Adolf Bahlkow, Doc Fitzgerald, Ellen Given, Jim Hill, Jim Hodder, Lyn MacLean, Liz Radoski. Guests: Selectman Bob Haarde (liaison to SHC) and John Fraize

Glass Plates: John Fraize presented the Commission with 50 glass plates and about 75 others that had not been developed. He gave a presentation of how they had been donated to the Commission about five years ago from a Jeff Nelson who had found them in the old Borden Barn before it was torn down. 50 have been scanned onto a disc and John will make two more copies to give to us and he will keep one. He has put in many hours of time, money and research into this by going to the Concord Library and the Anderson Photo Co. so he could learn the best way to preserve these plates. Of the 50 photographs have been developed and attached to each plate. These will be kept under lock and key. The Commission thanked John for doing this and wanted to let him know how much it was appreciated to preserve Sudbury history in picture form. He will be given a donation certificate for tax purposes.

The Sudbury Historical Commission 21 September 2010 meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM at the Hosmer House. The minutes of August were accepted as typed. A financial report was given and all bills have been submitted and paid as of this date. the bill for the cup plates will be due next month along with some landscaping bills for which there is money in the accounts.

Events: The Minuteman Fair will be held this Saturday, 25 Sept at the Wayside Inn and the SHC booth will have our goods for sale. Doc, Liz and Lyn will meet this Friday at 2PM to load up the cars with the sales items. Doc, Jim and Lyn will arrive at the field at 7:30 AM to put up the tents and arrange the tables and sale items. All members are to attend and there will be a need for a few docents to help out.

A Decorators meeting will be held at Liz's house on Wednesday, 22 September to go over the plans for the eleven rooms that will be decorated for the December Open House. The theme this year is "Winter Holidays". Liz is working on having music for both weekends and Ellen will play her flute on the first Sunday.. Lillian Balch is in charge of refreshments

CPC Updates: Rick Depres will help install the AC ducts to be sure the ceilings are not damaged. The duct work will start in October but the units have an eight week delivery time so will be installed in January. The masonry work has been completed on the kitchen and hall steps and the Commission is very pleased with the stone steps.

The tomb doors have been completely restored with the original slate and installed with the forged hinges.. The Hearse House has been completed with the exception of the forged hinges which are being made by Ironworks.

The Revolutionary Cemetery is presently having many of the grave stones glued and restored while the weather is cooperating. Many will be straightened later in the month. The Radar Survey will go out to bid in late fall due to the workload of the Legal Dept. Work is planned to start in the Spring. Doc requested that the Deacon Haynes grave stone have a rubbing done as it is faded and hard to read. This stone is the one that the Minuteman salute on April 19th as he was killed in Concord.

CPC Application for FY12: The Commission discussed what needs to be considered for the paperwork due in October for funding. It was suggested to have all the stonewalls around the center of town repaired. Two tree stumps ground down by the Hearse House and invasive weeds taken out. The gazabo at the Wadsworth Cemetery repaired with a new cedar roof and some painting. A gravestone for Miss Hosmer be made to match her parents and brother's stone. Jim Hill asked that members let him know if they think of other things that need to be covered. Selectman Haarde requested that a marker of some sort be placed on the roads that are named after the Minutemen that marched to Concord in

1776. Doc and Jim Hodder are going to study what men and roads need to be considered. There may be a project that will take some time to design the markers and get the information so there is a possibility it may have to be part of FY13 application.

Haynes Garrison Site now has a kiosk and Susan Litowitz is designing the drawing of the house and information that will be placed in it. Sean Doyle has done an excellent job of weed whacking the whole site so it now can be clearly seen from the road.

Training Field: Lee Swanson informed Liz that cooking pots were found at the site and asked if they could be dug up. Liz is to ask Lee to provide us with a map and how these were found.

Boy Scout Projects: Liz was contacted to find a project for an Eagle Badge and the members informed her that Bill Place had asked that they contact him as he had some projects they could help the town with.

Town Report: Adolf and Lyn will work on pulling together the information needed to complete this year's report.

Adolf is still trying to locate the tape made of the interior of the Hosmer House about ten years ago. He is going to ask Peggy Fredrickson of the Society if they might have a copy. Also Jim Hill is going to see if Susan Litowitz might be able to locate a copy.

Music: Ellen has divided the Hosmer sheet music and periodicals into categories like programs, composer, titles, publisher, copy date. She has found many duplicates and will request that the Selectmen give permission for these to be given away. Ellen also asked that if there was room for a display at our Holiday Open House that she put together the seasons music that she found. Ellen will return the music at our next meeting.

Quilts: Lyn and Liz will contact Joan Burns who has offered to have the Hosmer Quilt evaluated in Lowell, Mass for value and historic information. A trip is planned to go there with the quilt on the third Friday of October..

Lyn requested that the men help put back the blue stone pieces leading to the kitchen door so that the stone dust does not come into the house.

The meeting adjourned at 8:49 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Lyn MacLean
Chairman/Secretary

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