

Sudbury Historical Commission Meeting  
Thursday, 20 January 2011

Those Present: Jim Hill, Ellen Given, Bill Johnson, Lyn MacLean, Liz Radoski  
Absent: Jim Hodder; Guest: Gretchen Schuler

Gretchen Schuler presented the Commission with the completed Survey Forms complete with colored pictures. She explained the requirements of the Mass. Historical Commission and will send them a copy as well. Gretchen will send an e-mail to Jim Hill and Lyn explaining how to access the Mass Historical Com. on line to view all PDF files. She also completed the maps for the King Philip and Clay Pitt Districts. A copy of which will be sent to the Sudbury Historical District. She submitted her bill which will be given to Jody to come out of the CPC Funding for the "Old Homes Survey". It was decided that 25 homes from the district should be surveyed each year in order to meet the requirements. A discussion took place regarding the alignment of some of the district properties. This would take a vote of Town Meeting. It was decided that the Commission would inform the District that we would be willing to accomplish this for next year's Town Meeting.

Jody Kablack has requested to meet with us regarding the preservation of the Fairbanks Barn on Monday or Tuesday of next week.

The minutes of November 2010 were accepted as typed and disseminated. Liz gave the financial update with all bills being paid to date.

Up Coming Events: On April 7<sup>th</sup> the Villagers will be using the house during the day. A request for a November wedding has been received. Memorial Day is the next planned event. Ellen will be in charge of contacting Peter Harvell and the Town Clerk's Office to obtain the list of those employees and volunteers who passed way in 2010 so they can be honored. She will have full responsibility of this event. It was decided that persons requesting to sell their goods at the Hosmer House will be turned down as we are not a consignment shop. We will feature artists who wish to display their work only.

Rental Charges: It was a unanimous vote to charge \$50 per hour for in-town people and \$100 for out of town people. It takes a Commission member to be present for each event which takes about four hours of volunteer time.

The review of the Holiday Open House was very positive but sales were down from previous years. Over 1,700 people toured the Hosmer House and it was open five times this year. Liz has written thank you notes to the musical performers and others who donated their time and gifts.

Jim Hill reported that the final installation of the air conditioning will start on February 8<sup>th</sup> and it will take two to three weeks. During that time Rick Depres will be helping out with carpentry for the chase repairs, back and hall doors and installation of the parlor molding. The restoration of some of the floors is scheduled to start in March.

Jim also gave a breakdown of what he submitted for CPC funding this year as follows:

5 chimney repairs of Hosmer House - 30K  
Start stonewall repairs at the Hearse house – 10K  
Wadsworth Cemetery Gazebo repairs – 8K  
Florence Hosmer's Gravestone – 4.5K  
Hearse House Kiosk - 4K  
Invasive Plant Removal - 500 dollars  
Loring Parsonage Stonewall -1K

Lyn and Liz will purchase a colored throw and bring it to the next meeting so it can be decided if we will have some made to sell. Stock for the storeroom needs to be increased. It was decided to ask Dottie Sears and Jean Maloney if they would like to be Cochairman of a subcommittee to run the store. They would make decisions and select others to serve on the subcommittee. They could attend our meetings and report their ideas.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 17 February 2011 at 7 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lyn MacLean  
Chairman/Secretary

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