

## Sudbury Historical Commission Minutes

Tuesday, 27 September 2011

Those Present: Barbara Bahlkow, Doc Fitzgerald, Jim Hill, Bill Johnson, Lyn MacLean, Liz Radoski. Guest: Jim Kelley, Building Inspector

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM. The minutes of August 2011 were accepted as typed. Liz gave the financial report and stated that all bills and deposits had been submitted and we were on budget. Barbara turned in \$78.00 from selling cup plates.

Jim Kelly wanted input from the Commission on their feeling of what should be done to Town Hall. The Commission suggested that he obtain from the Town Manager and Selectman what they intended the building to be used for. Once that has been decided upon it would depend on what renovations have to take place. A committee could be formed from the people who would be occupying it and a study done on the space available. A design consultant could be hired with funding coming from CPC. It should include a large vault with a reading room, new bathrooms and upgrading of the electrical, AC, plumbing etc. The Commission suggested that Jim look what Ashland did to their Town Hall as they preserved the historic building from the outside and upgraded the inside. The Commission unanimously agreed that the Sudbury Town Hall should be saved and the outside be preserved as is.

Rentals: On 22 September Barbara Philips held a Drapy Design Seminar at the Hosmer House. She is making curtains for the sink and window for the downstairs bathroom. A bridal shower is being planned for November. Rentals have been scheduled over the first two weeks of December and will be finalized before our next meeting.

Events: 28 September the Decorators will be meeting to finalize the Holiday Open House. Eleven rooms have been assigned and the theme will be different animals in each room.

A demolition letter has been sent to the Building Inspector stating that there is nothing historically significant with the barn at 420 Boston Post Road owned by Lewis Stephen of Prudential Insurance. The foundation will be used to set the house on that is being moved from across the street.

Jim Hill reported that six floors of the Hosmer House had been painted and all the furniture moved back in place. He has a list of several small jobs that need to be done with the remaining CPC funding for this project.

The application for the FY13 CPC funding under historical will be the submission of a quote received for the Fire Suppression System for the Hosmer House, renovation of the animal pound and the kiosk for the Hearse House.

The RFQ for the Cemetery Radar System must go out to bid again with no mapping just identifiers and Mark Thompson will do the GPS when completed. This will now start in the spring.

Barbara and Adolf plan to do a complete inventory of all the cup plates in the Hosmer House. She is working on ordering wrought iron holders to sell. Barbara is also working on getting volunteers to make pies for the 4th of July.

Jim Hill will contact Rick DePres to have the mason who quoted on the repair of the Hosmer House chimney's help write up the documentation for the bid. Elaine is to be informed that the bid should go out upon her receipt of this information.

The Commission unanimously supported that the multi-colored throw be donated to the Hope Sudbury Auction. Liz will go on cable TV to explain the throw and the Hosmer House.

Lyn is working with Susan Litowitz designing mugs to go on sale at the Holidays. Lyn took the painting of the little boy holding a dog down to Aargon Framing to have restored. It had mildew and damage from the humidity. Hopefully the new AC will prevent this from happenig in the future.

Jim reported that the roof at the Wadsworth gazabo had more damage once they took of the layer of shingles. Ben Walker has been asked to repair the whole roof and will be covered under CPC funding from last year.

Bill Johnson will contact the Boy Scout who will be working on the gazabo for his Eagle Scout Project to see where that stands. He was waiting for approval from the Knox Council and Bill will find out if the project will be started this fall or have wait until spring.

Lyn reported that a mason is presently working at the RR Shack on Route 20 cementing in the stone around the foundation. He is also going to power wash the roof.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lyn MacLean, Chairman SHC