

Sudbury Historical Commission Minutes

Tuesday, 24 April 2012

7 PM Hosmer House

Those Present:

Barbara Bahlkow, Diana Cebra, Doc Fitzgerald, Bill Johnson, Lyn MacLean and Liz Radoski. Absent: Jim Hill

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:10. The minutes of March were accepted as typed. Liz gave the financial report stating that all bills must be in to her as the books close the end of June. Barbara turned in \$100 from the Newcomers rental fee and reported that the Wayside Inn had sold eleven cup plates.

Events and Rentals:

The April Open House for the book signing and display of the Cultural Council restored paintings was well accepted by the public. Nine books were sold and about 50 people toured the Hosmer House.

The Save A Dog rental went as scheduled with some members offering to volunteer to be docents. May 1st the Newcomers have rented the use of the Hosmer House.

April 28th SWEET will be using the dining room and patio for their weed killing work day.

May 28th Memorial Day: the Hosmer House will be open to the public from 11 to 2 PM. The Scott Milley VFW Post will put on a display in the ballroom and a tribute to volunteers and employees who have passed away this past year will be honored in the parlor. So far Barbara has letters going out to twelve families hoping to receive pictures and info.

June 6th at 6:30 there will be a Decorators meeting to discuss plans for the Holiday Open House to be held the first two weekends in December plus the Wednesday night.

July 4th we will sell pies, books and yard sale items during the Open House.

Town Meeting:

Jim Hill will present our articles on the Historic Portion of the Fund which will include the Fire Suppression System, restoration of the Animal Pound and the next phase of the "Old Homes Survey" that we submitted. Jim Hill will show a slide of the new Florence A. Hosmer grave stone purchased with last year's fund.

Barbara, Diana and Bill attended a League of Women Voters meeting which discussed the proposed town center renovations, drainage at town center, safety issues, grants, Sudbury Foundation, archiving and some meeting warrant articles. (see attached minutes) The LWV next meeting is 27 September.

Diana reported that she had done a lot of planting in the fall and now the fruits of her labor are showing with flowers blooming around the Hosmer House. She and Liz both reported that the Girl Scouts had done an excellent job of restoring the Faerie Garden. It is a work in progress. Lyn will contact Rusty Bent to see what it would cost to grind out the stump by the back of the shed.

Miscellaneous Items:

Liz will be away for a month in Ireland so any financial business should be done before she leaves. She will be back for Memorial Day.

Bill reported that he would be away until May 2nd and when he gets back he will be available to be at the house when Interstate, Jim Kelly and Art Richard will break into the wallboard around the chimney to install a flue pipe. Bill will also build a cabinet in the shed to hold garden supplies sometime this spring. His next project will be to white wash the privy and reconstruct the door into it.

There will be a ceremony at the Memorial Congregational Church on 2 June at 1 PM for William Mannherz who will be receiving his Eagle Badge. He built the two picnic benches and painted the picket fence for Loring Parsonage under our guidance as his project.

SHC next meeting is Tuesday, 22 May 2012 at 7 PM at the Hosmer House.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lyn MacLean
Chairman/Secretary

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

Mark Thompson, Scott Taylor