

SUDBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, 24 January 2012

Those Present: Barbara Bahlkow, Doc Fitzgerald, Jim Hill, Bill Johnson, Lyn MacLean, Liz Radoski. Guests: Adolf Bahlkow, Tom Friedlander

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM at the Hosmer House. The minutes of November 2011 were accepted as typed. Liz gave the financial overview and Barbara turned in \$20 to be deposited from the sale of cup plates at the Wayside Inn with \$30 more to be sent in directly.

Events: A vote was unanimously passed to hold the Holiday Open House in December of 2012 on December 8,9,12,15 and 16. A discussion took place on the success of this past year's events which took place during the first two weeks of December. \$3,371.00 was deposited into the E.B.Hosmer Fund and will be used to pay for the new mugs and holiday expenses. New rules will be put in place for the decorators and Liz will review at our next meeting. Commission members need to be thinking of a theme for this event. Barbara offered to be Co-Chairman as Liz needs help as this holiday event has grown to two weeks and eleven rooms decorated plus more publicity and rentals. A vote was unanimously passed to raise the rentals to \$75 to help cover the cleaning costs.

Liz is leaving for an out of the country travel and needs a person the help pull together the Memorial Day event. Lyn will meet with the Town Clerk to see if we can get the names of the people we honor by April 1st. Liz will contact Peter Harvell to see if he is willing to again put on a program in the ballroom. Hopefully our new member will be on board by this time to help organize the parlor.

CPC: Jim reported the following items to be brought to town meeting this year: 50K Town Hall Renovations, 106K Preservation of Historical Documents, 67K Fire Suppression System for the Hosmer House, Town Pound Repairs and Old Homes Survey. 100K for New Walkway, 200K Landscaping Town Center if Selectmen pass the town center renovations. The 10% portion of Historical CPC funds amounts to \$214K. What is not used is carried over for the next year.

CPC Status of our present funding: A bill has been submitted for payment for the Old Homes Survey completed by Gretchen Schuler. A quote has been received from Interstate Gas & Oil for \$929.00 for installation of heat under the kitchen sink of Hosmer House. Bill and Liz will meet with Jim Kelly, Building Inspector, to have him write up the specs for the Chimney repairs on Hosmer House. When this has been completed Liz and Bill will meet with Elaine Jones so it can go out to bid. A bid should be sent to Rick Depres to give to his mason. The floors at Hosmer House have been painted but the doors and two windows need to be completed. Lyn will call Rick Depres to see when this can be done. Jim will keep trying to get the electrician to finish the HH basement.

Demolition Request: The Commission visited the site at 41 Lincoln Lane, Sudbury and an e-mail was sent to Jim Kelly informing him that it was not found to be historically

significant. The property was found to be in very poor condition with a dirt cellar and damaged interior walls. It had been compromised years ago with an addition.

Book: The Commission would like to hold a book signing by Helen Casey in the spring for her book "My Dear Girl". Bill suggested an art show of Miss Hosmer's paintings at a college like Wellesley to bring publicity to her work. That will be taken under consideration at a later date.

Boy Scout Project: Bill will contact the boy going for his Eagle Badge by working on the Wadsworth Cemetery Gazebo to see if the Knox Council has approved his submission.

A vote was unanimously taken to reaffirm the previous vote last year that markers would not be allowed for Boy Scout projects on historic sites.

Cup Plates: Barbara has completed an inventory book which documents where the difference cup plates can be found in the storeroom and storage areas. She has delivered mugs to Duck Soup and will check with the Wayland Library and Hurd House to see if they are interested in selling the cup plate of the Four Arch Bridge.

Miscellaneous Items:

Lyn will call the DPW again to see when Miss Hosmer's foot stone will be put in the proper place.

Diana Cebra and her husband planted bulbs around the Hosmer House and did a lot of work in the Fairy Garden. Diana submitted an application for the Commission along with Tom Friedlander.

Barbara reported that the Villagers will bake pies for the Fourth of July event.

Adolf and Lyn plan to meet on Monday, 30 January to review paintings that are eligible to be restored using the Sudbury Cultural Councils funding that was awarded to us.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lyn MacLean
Chairman/Secretary

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