

SUDBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, 18 AUGUST 2015
7 PM HOSMER HOUSE

Those Present: Barbara Bahlkow, Diana Cebra, Fred Bautze, Chris Hagger, Bill Johnson, Lyn MacLean Friends of SHC: Liz Radoski

The July minutes were accepted as typed. Diana gave the financial report and the records from the Accounting Department will be presented at the next meeting.

Events:

- 12 Sept Farmers Market from 10 – 4 PM at Town Center, Heritage Park and Hosmer House. Food and preserve judging to take place in the Hosmer shed. Helen Casey will hold her book signing in the storeroom. Diana is on the committee and advertising will be in the newspapers. Pat Howard is getting docents.
- 26 Sept Minuteman Fair at the Wayside Inn. SHC is to meet Friday 25 Sept to load the cars with inventory for the fair. The men will help set up and take down. Most of the women will work all day with a docent to relieve at lunch time.
- December Holiday Open House. Diana is working on all the details and will inform the Commission at our next meeting.

Barbara reported that the order for the mugs had arrived and are stored in the cupboards by category. She had delivered many items to the Wayside Inn which they are selling.

Stephanie Nosal, Helen Casey and Lyn meet with Mark Thompson to learn how to input into the database so that Miss Homer's letters could be obtainable from File Saver from our website.

Town Hall Blue Ribbon Committee: Bill Johnson reported from the latest meeting which they had this week. They have several options which are being considered. One of which was to see if the School Committee would allow the Sudbury Public School offices to move to Nixon School and if so we would only need to add on to the back of the Town Hall and those offices in the Flynn Building would not be moved. Chris reported that he was present for the meeting before and none of the options were voted on. Bill was advised to represent the SHC by stating, as he has done before, that the outside of Town Hall was not to be changed and the inside restored. The SHS gave a presentation and also stated they would like to make use of the meeting room at the Town Hall when restored.

Diana gave a report of the landscaping around the Hosmer House and the request to take the three Bridal Breath bushes at the left side of HH and move them to the back and replace them with boxwood to make a hedge appearance. Maureen Hines has

removed all the weeds from the patio and has worked hard watering so plantings in the Fairy Garden and historic garden in the back are not lost due to this hot weather.

Jim Hill and Lyn are going to meet with Town Manager to discuss the letter received regarding the Indian Site.

The official name of the people who have volunteered to help with projects will be called "Friends of SHC". Diana proposed that the name Docent be changed as the younger people that she is trying to recruit do not relate to that name. She proposed "Friends of Hosmer House". The Commission will give this some thought and discuss at our next meeting. Diana is to proceed with getting people to help us out.

CPC

- The SHC must select a representative to sit on the CPC Committee. Fred is giving this some thought as Chris cannot make Wednesday night meetings.
- Jim Kelly is reviewing the bids for the Early Fire Detection System. Hopefully this can be installed by the beginning of next year.
- Cemeteries: Liz reported that the first part of North Cemetery has been completed for a cost of \$9,470.00. Another contract has gone out to finish up five or six more graves. Lyn spoke to Bill Place about his department taking down some dead trees and branches in North Cemetery.
- FY17 CPC Request: Chris suggested, and the Commission agreed, that a proposal should be presented for inventory of homes from 1920 to 1940. Mark Thompson will be requested to help us put the information we and he already have onto a spread sheet. We need to inventory the next set of homes and maybe Gretchen Schuller who helped us in the past can be paid to work with us on this large project.

SWEET is requesting funds for invasive plants that are in the stone walls at Town Center. Money is also needed to empty the holding bin at the DPW.

Chris attended the Mass Historical Preservation Conference held at Mechanics Hall in Worcester on 14 August 2015. He showed the SHC pictures of buildings that were discussed and how climate change is something to consider on old buildings. The most important thing that came out of this conference was the need to increase our 6 month delay in the Demolition By-Law to a 12 month delay.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lyn MacLean, Chairman/Secretary