

SUDBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, 26 JUNE 2012

Those Present: Barbara Bahlkow, Diana Cebra, Doc Fitzgerald, Jim Hill, Bill Johnson, Lyn MacLean, Liz Radoski

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM at the Hosmer House. The minutes of May 2012 were accepted as typed. The financial report was given by Treasurer, Liz Radoski and she reminded everyone that all bills for the present fiscal year had been submitted for payment as the books close June 30th. A donation was accepted from Susan Litowitz and Barbara turned in funds for selling cup plates. These funds will be deposited in the E.B.Hosmer Fund.

Reports were received from the Events of the past month which were:

1. For the third year the Fifth Grade from Peter Noyes School acted out a play in full dress of the Revolutionary period on June 11, 12 & 13th. They used the inside and outside of the Hosmer House and it was all recorded on video tape according to Barbara.
2. The Boy Scouts held their Eagle Scout Badge ceremony at the Memorial Congregational Church and awards were given to Boy Scouts who had earned their badge by doing projects for the SHC. Liz attended this event as she had worked with some of the boys.
3. A tea party was held for the girls scouts who have been working with the Thursday Garden Club on resurrecting the Faerie Garden. Helen Marie Casey attended and read to the girls from her latest book and explained how she did the research for "My Dear Girl" about Florence Hosmer. Liz has been working along with Diana to improve the gardens.
4. The Sudbury teacher's held their retirement party at the Hosmer House and about fifty people attended it. It was a catered event coordinated by Barbara and Diana.

Upcoming Events:

Fourth of July: Commission Members to be at the Hosmer House by 9 AM on the morning of the fourth in order to set up the tents, tables, books, yard sale items, pies, etc. Audrey Childs will be displaying her art work in the parlor and Paula Adelson will have Dr. Adelson's sculptures in the ballroom. Bill will help Liz on Sunday, 1 July, bring the art work upstairs into the ballroom. Pat Howard has the docents scheduled for two shifts on the fourth. The Villagers have made baking pies and other goodies for the SHC an annual event of their organization. Bill Fadden of the Sudbury Valley Trustees and Bill Johnson will open the Railroad Shack to the public from 11 to 2 on the Fourth. Jim Hill and Doc will be stationed at the Hearse House which will be open to the public for the first time.

Rentals: The League of Women Voters have tentatively requested to use the Hosmer House on 23 Sept from 1 - 3. Diana will confirm at a later date.

The Minuteman Fair will be held on Saturday, 29 Sept at the Wayside Inn and we plan to have our usual booth to sell historic items.

Holiday Open House. Liz held a meeting of the decorators in June and all 11 rooms have been assigned and each have chosen a theme for the "Old Fashion Holidays". Barbara is working on small cost sale items to be in the storeroom. It was suggested that the Friday night party be a catered event and pricing should be looked into for planning purposes.

Bill will contact the Boy Scout who is planning to improve the Wadsworth Cemetery Gazebo and request a drawing and plan which he will submit to the Knox Council for approval. Hopefully he can get started, once we approve it, this summer.

Cemeteries:

Liz reported that the flagging of the graves is in full swing at the Revolutiary Cemetery. The yellow and red flags mark the found graves and it is hoped they can be replaced by metal 12 inch markers to be placed at ground level so they do not interfere with mowing the grass. She has informed Bill Place's office not to mow until she calls them. She was asked to call the Police Dept and inform them what is going on and to keep an eye on the area. She was also asked to contact Bill and Scott Taylor to give them an update on the progress being made. 380 graves have been found so far and the contractor is working with the GIS people so the town can have a record of all this work

**Scenic Road:**

There is property in question on Old Lancaster Road which Jody has asked the SHC to look into regarding the moving of rocks. Liz lives close by on the street and she is handling the situation with both parties.

**Certified Local Government:**

Diana is our representative to this group which is run by the League of Women Voters. She informed the SHC that they are on a fact finding mission to educate residents of the history around Sudbury Center and the importance of a museum by holding a walking tour. If they go forward it will take a lot of research and paperwork.

**Chimneys at Hosmer House**

An invoice for \$2,500 has been submitted to Jody for payment out of the CPC Funding award to us for the repair of the four chimneys. This was for the design phase in order to prepare the bids by Jim Kelly and Elaine Jones. Jim Hill and Bill Johnson will contact Jim Kelly to obtain a copy of the bids and discuss the whole project.

**Indian Research:**

Doc will contact Royce Kahler to see if he has a record of any Indian burial grounds in Sudbury. Jody is working with Lee Swanson on the same subject. Doc will also contact the Mass Historical Commission to see if they have a record.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM. The next meeting will beheld on Tuesday, 24 July.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lyn MacLean, Chairman & Secretary  
Sudbury Historical Commission