

SUDBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Tuesday, 20 October 2015

7 PM Hosmer House

Those Present: Barbara Bahlkow, Fred Bautze, Diana Cebra, Chris Hagger, Bill Johnson, Lyn MacLean, (Liz Radoski, Treasurer, Sub Committee)

The minutes of September were accepted as typed. Liz gave the financial report and Barbara turned in her bills from restocking the storeroom for the holiday sales. Many contributions have been received in Doc Fitzgerald's memory. Thank you notes have been sent to each one and his family has been informed. He shall be missed by us all.

Diana reported that the Docent Training held on Monday, 19 Oct went very well with over 20 attending. Helen Casey gave a presentation on her new book that she is presently writing and they watched a video explaining the history behind each picture that is hanging in the Hosmer House. Each person was given a folder containing important information on the house and Florence.

All rooms for the Holiday Open House have been assigned and a meeting was held with the decorators. Diana is working with the high school to have music groups assigned as we did last year. It was decided that the food for the Friday party would be catered by Sudbury Farms with dessert provided by Ashley Milley. Fred will purchase a large tree for the ballroom and a smaller tree for the bedroom. These trees are to have white lights on them. He will also purchase 36 automatic candles for each window which cannot be more than 8" tall.

Chris and Lyn will put together a letter to the Selectmen regarding the development of the 39 acres behind the town cemeteries on the hill. It was important to inform them of the need for an archaeology study and screening on the cemetery side of the property.

Bill reported that Jim Cox has repaired four of the pipes and will be back to fix the fifth. He will be asked to look at the outside spickets and the toilet which is not working properly.

A unanimous vote for spending \$1,800.00 to have railing installed at the back hall door leading to the patio was taken. This has to be done for safety reasons. Lyn will meet with Mike Precourt to get pricing on a stone for one step and a flat surface leading between the steps. Lyn will contact Jim Kelly to be sure as Facilities Manager he is kept informed. Lyn will contact Rick DePres to have him install flashing above the back door leading to the patio.

Chris is working on the Old Homes Survey and Mark Thompson is gathering the information that was given to him on a disc from Gretchen Schuller. Once Mark has inputted this into what he already has it will give us how many homes that need a survey below 1900.

It was decided that the Demolition Delay Law changes should be worked on during the next year to prepare for Town Meeting in 2017. Chris and Fred will contact Mass Historical Commission to get advice on how best to go about this.

Bill reported on the meeting held Monday regarding the renovation of Town Hall. The cost will be 5.7 million and a recommendation has been submitted to the Selectmen for their Nov. meeting.

Liz reported that repairs of gravestones in Mt. Pleasant, Old Town and New Town have been completed and a full report has been received with pictures before and after. (copy in our files) North Cemetery has a few more that will be done by spring. Work is finishing up in the Revolutionary Cemetery as she has found a few more stones to be straightened.

Chris reported that Lyn and Tim Coyne had joined him for a review of what has to be done with the books and papers stored in boxes in the attic. He has set up a table for sorting. Chris will contact a book dealer that he knows in Boston to see what he would charge to come out and appraise the items. Chris and Fred will sort the boxes on Saturday, Nov. 14th.

A request for an Old Homes Sign for 521 Hudson Road has been received. Lyn will send it to Bob Leonard in Maine to make.

Due to the construction in front of the Hosmer House, Lyn had to contact Art Richard at 7 PM last week to help with the alarm and electricity. We are lucky to have such support.

All members were informed that at the 3 Nov Selectmen's meeting Diana Warren will be interviewed for the open position on the SHC. Chris and Lyn will be attending but others are welcome.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15

Respectfully Submitted,
Lyn MacLean
Chairman/Secretary

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