

SUDBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Tuesday, 17 November 2015

Those Present: Barbara Bahlkow, Fred Bautze, Chris Hagger, Bill Johnson, Lyn MacLean. Liz Radoski as Treasurer. Absent: Diana Cebra, Diana Warren

The minutes of October were accepted as typed. Liz as our Treasurer gave the financial report and explained to members the difference from the General Fund and the E.B.Hosmer Fund. The Wayside Inn paid us for the large inventory they ordered and received from our store items.

Vote: A unanimous vote was taken for Diana Warren to serve as the SHC liaison to the CPC Committee. Lyn will inform the Selectmen and the CPC Chairman. A vote was taken to defer selecting officers for the SHC until all members were present.

Holiday Open House: The decorators will be in the rooms on Sunday 29th and Monday the 30th. Fred will contact Andrea to be sure the publicity gets in the newspapers for the first week in December. Diana has ordered the food and met with Susan Litowitz to go over the invitation list, docent list and signage posters. Barbara reported that the Town Party will be held on December 7th from 12 to 2. They are using the Grange Hall but wish to have a tour of the Hosmer House before. Barbara will contact Patty Golden to finalize plans. Liz reported that the Girl Scouts will hold their tea on December 9th from 3 to 5 PM. Barbara reported that Save A Dog will be using the house on 13 December from 7 to 10 PM and Jim Hill will be our representative.

Budget: The Budget is due 4 December 2015 for FY17. Lyn gave out copies of last year's submission and asked for input on line items. Liz and Lyn will work on the figures so we meet the deadline.

Town Report: The Town Report is due the 29th of January 2016. Many accomplishments were discussed to be included in the SHC report. A list will be sent to members for their help in writing the final report which will be discussed at our next meeting on January 19th.

Remote Participation: The SHC must report back to the Selectmen by 20 November if they agree with the explanations sent for review. The SHC was in favor of being able to have a conference call telephone arrangement as some members travel but wish to be part of the Commission's meetings. Lyn will send an e-mail to the Selectmen with our understanding of the policy and our agreement to participate when necessary.

Brochure: Susan Litowitz is updating our brochure and will make the corrections so we have copies to give out over the holidays. She will then have more made on better quality paper in January.

Selectmen's Forum: Lyn and Bill attended and reported that it was a good event and should be continued. It is a good opportunity for residents to get updated on what is going on in their town. Michael Fee did a good job of being moderator.

Village at Sudbury Station: Members have been given copies of what Jody, residence, SHD and others have submitted. We submitted our views against this proposal to Jody to include in the town's letter to the Mass Hist. Com. We very much do not want this project to take place as we, as a Commission, are trying to protect the historical center.

CPC: Bids have been received on the Fire Detection System and we are waiting for Jim Kelly to make a decision on which one is the best for what we want to accomplish. Lyn will contact Jim Hill as he has been work on this also. Cemeteries: Liz reported that a work order had been submitted for more repairs at the Revolutionary Cemetery. She walked the cemetery with Kevin and he had some suggestions on a few graves. Wadsworth will be started in the spring. All the cemetery work is covered by CPC.

Old Homes Survey: Chris is going to call Mark Thompson to see if he has finished the spread sheet listing homes up until 1940. Chris has been in contact with Gretchen Schuler to discuss the possibility of doing areas, if the homes are the same. Chris will be contacting the MHC to identify someone who is knowledgeable about the Demolition Delay bylaws so that a conference call can be set up with that person. Fred and Chris need to obtain information on how other communities have benefited from a 12 month demolition delay bylaw.

Town Hall: Bill is our representative on the Blue Ribbon Committee and he reported their decision to renovate the building and keep it as an historical building by updating it with little changes. The report has gone to the Selectmen.

Attic: Chris contacted Ken Gloss from the Brattle Book Shop in Boston who is willing to appraise our books at no charge. He is an expert on old books and he asked that all the books in cartons be sorted into categories. When that is accomplished he will come and give us pricing on what is not Miss Hosmer's. Chris and Fred plan to sort many more cartons in January. Some of the Sudbury Women's Club booklets will be offered to the Sudbury Historical Society.

An expert will be meeting with the Indian Site Group this coming Saturday. The Conservation Committee has received a grant and is clearing a road by the Haynes Garrison Site which will be discussed.

Lyn will meet with David McLellan for a photo shoot in the Parlor at 1 PM on Saturday, 21 November. He also is will to give concerts for free at the Hosmer House.

Our next meeting will be January 19th and a decision was made when there is bad weather our meetings will be held during the day on a Saturday.

Respectfully Submitted, Lyn MacLean, Chairman SHC