

SUDBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Tuesday, 15 March 2016

Those Present: Barbara Bahlkow, Diana Cebra, Bill Johnson, Lyn MacLean, Diana Warren. Liz Radoski of Friends of Hosmer House. Absent: Fred Bautz, Chris Hagger

Meadow Walk Sudbury came to our meeting to give us an overview of what they had planned to put on the Raytheon property for stores. The retail space was explained and questions were asked. The size of Whole Foods was a topic of conversation. It is planned to be ready for the public in 2017. Avalon is the company that is building the medical memory center, 55+ housing, and 250 affordable one and two bedroom units. The property consists of 50 acres of buildings, walkways, garages, club house, pool and lots of green ways. Meadow Walk will be presenting at the Selectmen's meeting on Tuesday, 22 March 2016 at 7:30 at Town Hall.

The minutes of February were accepted as typed. Liz gave the Financial Report and informed the Commission that Diana Warren will now be our Treasurer. She has big shoes to fill. Thanks Liz. Barbara reported that the Wayside Inn had sent in their check and also will be delivered a large order this week of items from the store. A bill from Joan Morgello was presented for payment. Barbara received a vote to order wooden minutemen for children to purchase. Some throws have been sold from Face Book. The Commission gave a unanimous vote to give the Villagers a 10% discount for items purchased at their meeting on 7 April.

Events:

March 23rd Decorators Meeting

April 7th – 9:30 to 12 Villagers – Barbara to cover

May 7th – 10 – 12 Garden Club Plant Sale at Town Hall

May 10th - 10 to 12 Fitchburg Tour –Barbara and Diana C. to cover

May 21th- 10 to 3 Home and Heath Tour by SHS – RR Section House Open – Bill to cover

May 30th - 12 to 3 Memorial Day – all Commission Member to cover

July 4th - Bill Johnson to find out time of the parade and the theme

Aug 20 – 10 to 4 Town Fair in Heritage Park – all members to cover

Sept 10 – 10 to 4 Heritage Park Farmers Market – all members to cover

Sept 24 – 10 – 4 Minuteman Fair at the Wayside Inn – all members to cover

Oct 7 – Book Club – Maureen to cover

Memorial Day - Barbara and Diana C. took on the responsibility of working with the Town Manager's Office to gather the names of those employees and volunteers who have passed away in 2015. Diana C. is working on getting an organization to display Veterans memorabilia in the ballroom.

Holiday Open House – Diana C. has a commitment from the Villagers, SVT, Parmenter, Girl and Boy Scouts and the Garden Clubs. She will hold a decorators meeting on Wednesday, 23 March at the HH.

Lyn read a letter she received regarding that was sent to MHC regarding property at 360 Lincoln Road. She also read the letter that she and Jody worked on which was sent regarding the Sudbury Station and the need for an archeology study.

Docent Training: Diana C. held a meeting of the Friends of Hosmer on Monday, 7 March to discuss how to better inform those volunteering their time to promote the history of the house. Suggestions were made to include in the picture books information about the antiques and story about each room Diana is preparing a folder with all the information in it to be given to each Docent. The excel list of fifty or more volunteers will be brought up to date by Maureen Hines with phone and e-mails. Maureen will work with Pat Howard to complete this list as Pat personally knows the people.

Diana C. met with Judith Handley who is an expert on preserving clothing. Miss Hosmer's wardrobe and those of her brother's should be preserved. Some are presently on display and before putting them away they must be packaged properly in order for them to survive for years to come.

Landscaping – Diana C. is ready to start planting in the gardens and wants to have the help of those interested. The Garden Clubs and Girl Scouts have helped in the past. Maureen has offered her help.

Barbara and Diana C. have been working on a Procedure Manual which will include how the Commission operates and the responsibilities of members. The operation of the Hosmer House and the coordination with the town departments. A Memorial Day document was given to each member so they are aware of what has to be done by next month.

CPC:

Liz reported that the contract for Old North Cemetery will be completed in the spring by Kia. The contract has been awarded for finishing up the Revolutionary Cemetery. Lyn met with Bill Place (DPW) to be sure that the stone wall on the south side of the Rev Cemetery will be repaired while they are working on the front wall of Town Hall.

Lyn reported that Jim Kelly (Facilities Manager) has called a meeting with Jim Hill, herself and the company that is going to install the Fire Detection System to go over final plans. It is hoped that this can be complete in the near future as the funding from CPC has been verified by Jody.

Lyn produced the quote from Theresa Carmichael for restoration of two paintings that Miss Hosmer did of a seascape and a music director with the orchestra in the background. The cost is between \$350 to \$450, with the funds to pay for them coming out of the donations made in memory of Doc Fitzgerald. A unanimous decision by the

Commission was to award this contract to Mrs. Carmichael. Fred Bautz will be asked to give us advice on signage to be put on paintings when restoration is in memory of someone or donated by individuals.

The Selectmen are holding meeting regarding Eversource running their electricity lines along the railroad tracks from South Sudbury to Hudson. Lyn has attended some meetings as the RR Section house will be affected if not protected from all the trees they propose to cut down. She asked member to be aware of this situation and watch on cable or attend some meetings.

Sudbury Historical Society will be holding a Home and Hearth Tour of the King Philip Area on 21 May and we will be having the Rail Road Section House open for this event. Bill Johnson will be there to explain the maintenance car, pictures and history. Hopefully others can join him.

Lyn read a letter from Elaine Jones which stated that the bid has gone out to repair the main building of the Loring Parsonage. The Society will have open periodic meetings for those who wish to attend can do so. If they hold a specific internal meeting one of our members will attend.

Barbara has put a First Aid book in the kitchen cabinet along with the band aids, etc. This is in case of an emergency to be treated before help arrives from police or firemen.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lyn MacLean, Chairman

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