

Sudbury Historical Commission Meeting
Thursday, 20 October 2016

Those Present: Barbara Bahlkow, Fred Bautze, Diana Cebra, Chris Hagger, Bill Johnson, Lyn MacLean, Diana Warren

The minutes of September were accepted as typed. The financial report was given and Barbara will give funds to Liz Radoski, our Treasurer, this week. The Calendar of up-coming events is attached to these minutes.

Holiday Events:

Diana Cebra will get a list of the decorators to Lyn so signage can be made up for the rooms and publicity can be written ahead of time. Fred will help with this assignment. Diana C. will get the list of what was order for food to Lyn this next week. It was decided that invitations to the Decorator's Party would be e-mailed this year. Diana Warren had good suggestions on how they could be produced. Maureen Hinds has the docent list and Lyn will go over the list of attendees of last year and be sure we have the new town employees on the list. The outside signs will be ready to put out in front of Hosmer House and posters have to be made. Bill and Fred will hang the wreaths in the windows.

CPC

Diana Warren updated the SHC on the CPC meeting she attended on 19 October. She said the Chris Morley called this early CPC meeting to discuss and determine the bonding capacity of the CPC.

Request for information for bidding on Wadsworth Cemetery have been received. Reponses are due back by 3 PM on 25 October 2016..

Lyn reported that Jim Kelly had informed her that he is working on the Fire Supression System and it is hopeful it can be installed in November. Jim also informed Lyn that a new fire alarm system is being install and will have a wire going up the right back side of the house. This system will replace the old one in the cellar and the Fire Department is installing them in all town owned buildings. Chris is going to ask Jim Kelly to take him through Carding Mill so if other want to go please let Chris know.

SHC Open Position

Diana Cebre gave her resignation to leave the Commission as of 1 November. She will be sorely missed as she has worked hard in every avenue to keep the public's interest in the Hosmer House The Commission presented her will gifts and cards. Lyn has interviewed a candidate which she is very impressed with.

Note: We authorize our Chairman to contact the Town of Sudbury to determine if there is a waiting period necessary once an opening on a Town Commission is advertised on the Town Website. If there is no waiting period, we authorize the Chairman to proceed to recommend the recent candidate (Jan Costa) for consideration for the upcoming opening on the SHC. If there is a waiting period, replacement candidate opetions will be discussed at our next monthly meeting.

Miscellaneous Items:

Barbara reported that HOPE Sudbury has received a donated throw and mug from us to be auctioned off at their televised event.

Chris reported that Mark Thompson is meeting with he and Lyn at 9 AM on Friday, 4 November. The purpose of this meeting is to look into a database which would cover the Old Homes Survey and also get a record of those homes yet to be documented.

Lyn reported that the granite stairs leading off the back patio into the kitchen will be repaired this week. She also reported that she is working on getting the two steps into the Revolutionary Cemetery repaired so that a small railing can be installed. The plaque that was damaged by the snow plow is now in Lee Swanson's hands. He is investigating how to produce it on a heavy plastic sheet which could be displayed in a kiosk by the Hearse House. Lyn also reported that Lee informed her that a person wants to donate a casket to be stored in the Hearse House which has a basket liner and represents what was used in those days.

Bill has been working with the boiler repair man and will be posting the setting on each thermostat that will let you know what the heat or air conditioning is to be set at when leaving the Hosmer House.

Diana Cebra would like to continue her research on the protection of Miss Hosmer's clothing. She has written an application to the Sudbury Arts Council for funding to have a professional come and teach how to inventory and preserve the wardrobe.

Diana Warren reported that she spoke with Paul Holtz of the Massachusetts Historical Commission to get his view point on the issue that the Animal Pound Gate swings outward from inside the Pound. Hiltz has communicated the substance of her conversation with Mr. Holtz to the SHD Chairman, Fred Taylor via e-mail and phone.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lyn MacLean, Chairman

CC: Town Manager, Development Manager, DPW Manager, Facilities Manager, IT Manager, Elaine Jones, Scott Taylor, Art Richard, Mark Herweck, Jim Hodder. Liz Radoski, Maureen Hinds.