

SUDBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, 21 February 2017

7 PM at Hosmer House

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

Guests: Diana Cebra, Stuart Hoover, Jim Kelly, Liz Radoski

Stuart Hoover representing the Sudbury Historical Society and Jim Kelly our Facilities Manager presented their efforts to have the restoration of the Loring Parsonage not to go out for public bid. 1.5 K has already been spent and it would cost another 1.2 M if it went out to public bid and a savings of 40% could be saved. Whichever way it goes, they would like to have a member of the SHC on their restoration committee as the building comes under our jurisdiction. The SHS is presently negotiating a 30 year lease with our law firm. Other towns like Lexington and Arlington have done so with success. The SHC asked that they come back to us after they have worked out details with the town lawyers.

Fire Detection System: Jim Kelly reported that the bids had been received and after the town lawyers had reviewed them he expected one to be awarded very soon. If so, the work should be completed by the end of March. At which time, Lyn will hire the professional cleaning lady who has done our house in the past.

Diana Cebra requested that the SHC give her permission to spend \$500 on the textile preservation of Miss Hosmer and her brothers clothing. That would be enough to purchase acid free wrapping and special boxes to archive the garments. She and members of the SHS would do the work with assistance from a professional person. This request received a unanimous vote from the SHC. Diana also said she would help with the Victorian Garden and will ask the Sudbury Garden Club to assist. She also would like docents to participate.

The minutes of November 2016 were accepted as typed. Liz and Jan gave the financial report and the Commission thanked Jan for taking the responsibility of Treasurer. Liz was given a hand for the years she had performed this duty.

The SHS has requested 25 cup plates of the Loring Parsonage which they plan to give to donors as gifts. It was a unanimous vote to have Barbara take on this responsibility of. The DAR has requested cup plates which they have paid for to be given out at their April 1st meeting. Barbara gave all members a four page analysis of this year's financial information for the storeroom and cup plates. She was thanked for the efficiency and time putting this in depth report together. (attached to filed copy)

All members signed the 2017 Town Report papers and Lyn will deliver them to the Selectmen's office tomorrow.

Stephanie Nosal will again work with Helen Casey to input the letters and pictures into our database. This work will start in two weeks as there are two file cabinets full of information.

Diana Warren was asked to call Kevin Kennedy and discuss the Indian Site. Diana had done some research and needs to pass on the information she received.

Chris has met with Mark Thompson of our IT Department and he produced a map of Sudbury showing the areas that needs to have the Old Homes Survey considered. Chris also gave each member a list of homes, pre 1940 and addresses that should be considered. Members were assigned areas to go through and suggest homes to be surveyed. (copy attached to file records) He also suggested that the SHC consider going to CPC this coming October requesting funds to cover the cost of how many we decided to complete.

Lyn and Chris will set up an appointment to meet with Jim Kelly to discuss the future of the Carding Mill. This building is owned by the town and therefore would come under our jurisdiction. The outside is in good repair but the inside needs some work. It is in a beautiful setting by the Mill Pond.

Diana reported that she had met with the Sudbury Historical District regarding the animal pound gate and research is being done in the DAR inventory.

Dedication of the Hosmer House back patio. A long discussion took place regarding dedications to the SHC. A vote was taken to have a metal plaque made (not to be attached to the house) in honor of Dr. Maurice

Fitzgerald who had been a member of the SHC for many years. His family contributed a large amount of money to make renovations to the overhang and walkways. This vote had six in favor with one abstention.

An agenda item for our next meeting will be to discuss a policy regarding dedications as we have received many donations in the past that make it possible to restore many expensive paintings.

The parlor had a molding around the top of the walls touching the ceiling. Lyn and Bill will look for the sample piece. It can be ordered out of wood and this will be discussed at our next meeting.

The SHC is against having a lamp post in front of the Hosmer House. The SHD has been informed of this as well as Jim Kelly and the Town Manager. Fred will contact the Town Manager to make sure there is follow through before it happens. Art Richard supplied us with a plan and we thank him for that.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lyn MacLean

CC: Town Manager, Meagen Donoghue, Mark Thompson, Jim Kelly, Art Richard, Mark Herweck, Dan Mason, Scott Taylor, Elaine Jones,