

SUDBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Thursday, 20 April 2017
7 PM at Hosmer Hose

Those Present: Barbara Bahlkow, Jan Costa, Chris Hagger, Lyn MacLean Diana Warren. Absent: Fred Bautz, Bill Johnson. Guest: Liz Radoski, Fred Taylor

Fred Taylor, Chairman of the Sudbury Historic District, attended our meeting to update us on several projects that have come before his committee. One being the changes along Route 20 in front of the Wayside Inn. DOT is trying to fix the water run off situation along that side of the road. The SHD wants to work together with us going ahead in the future which we all agreed upon.

The minutes of March were accepted as typed. Jan gave the financial report and gave each member a copy. Barbara gave her the bill for the items that Joan Morgello has designed for our storeroom. We are down to just ten throws and we have to find a new vendor as the one we have used for years has gone out of business.

Memorial Day:

May 29th from 10 to 2 pm. Fred has prepared the publicity for the newspapers. Janice Millie has agreed to have a tribute to war veterans in the ballroom. The parlor will have the usual tribute to those who worked for the town or volunteered this past year and have passed away. Barbara will work with Fred's wife to make the plaque's that go under the pictures. All members to be present as Pat Howard has already gotten the docents for the day.

July 4th:

Barbara is working on writing up the procedure sheet for this event. The time will be determined when we find out when the parade will take place. We will assign duties and responsibilities for the day at our next meeting.

It was decided to honor Harriet Ritchie by restoring a painting with the funds donated in her memory. Her daughter said that one with flowers would be something her mother would appreciate as she loved working in her garden and the Hosmer House gardens. Lyn showed the Commission the one she had received a restoration price of \$1,400 to return it to a much better condition by Theresa Carmichael Studios. A frame also needs to be purchased which further donations will cover. It will hang in Florence's bedroom as it will match the picture over the fireplace.

Vote: It was unanimous to restore painting No.399 in memory of Harriet Ritchie.

The DAR used the house on April 8th and an accident occurred in the parlor. One of the members accidentally hit a painting that was displayed on an easel and it fell onto the chair in front of it and tore through the canvas. Lyn will meet with the HR Dept of the town to find out what coverage we have. The cost to restore this painting of Florence's Mother and Father is worth 12K and it will cost over 3K to bring it back to life.

This spring the back patio will be dedicated in memory to Dr. Maurice Fitzgerald who was a long time member of the SHC. A quote from Precourt Stone of Sudbury for \$ \$660.00 was received for a granite engraved stone. Lyn is to go back to Precourt and get a price for plaque engraving and give them the size of granite or stone.

Vote: SHC approve the installation of bronze plaque to be imbedded in a rock or granite to be placed between the pathway and the house foundation and to be visible from the back hallway door.

Lyn is to send an e-mail with a picture of the Conservation Commission's kiosk to the members. This is what is suggested to be place to the side entrance from the parking lot by Town Hall for the Revolutionary Cemetery. It would be place to the right of the railings going down into the cemetery. This must be approved by the Sudbury Historic District as it could be seen from across the cemetery from Concord Road.

Chris explained his plan for the Old Homes Survey and would like to have a meeting for those members' assigned areas on the 9th of May at 7:30 at the Hosmer House. There are about 200 old homes and the plan is to choose about 30 to be surveyed. He plans to have a screen set up so they can be viewed and discussed by all.

The Fire Detection Systems is to be installed starting May 12th. It is the hope that the books in the attic can be moved out by that date. The books that should be kept can be placed in the book cabinet in the back office wall.

Fred has sent an e-mail to Frank Reipe and Jim Kelly requesting him to meet with them regarding the placement of the lamp post. The Commission does not want it in the front or near the front walk of Hosmer House.

Lyn is to have a plaque made to go under paintings that have been donated by people. A small screw placed on the back lower side of the frame to let them hang down just a little is what she will request to have made. She will bring it to the next meeting to be voted upon.

The Hosmer House is to have a complete cleaning after the detection system is installed. Jan will send Lyn the name of a window washer that she highly recommends.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lyn MacLean, Chairman