

SUDBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, February 27, 2018

Those Present: Barbara Bahlkow, Fred Bautze, Chris Hagger, Bill Johnson, Lyn MacLean (present by phone for part of the meeting), Diana Warren. Friends of Hosmer: Diana Cebra, Liz Radoski. Absent: Jan Costa

The January meeting minutes were accepted as typed by a vote of 5-0.

The Financial Report had been prepared by Jan and provided to Chris as Jan was unable to attend the meeting. Chris summarized the highlights of the Financial Report.

Barbara had prepared a 5 page Fund Raiser Annual Report and distributed it to the Commissioners present. Barbara reviewed each page of the Report which compared 2017 fund raising amounts with prior year fund raising. Suggestions were discussed for increasing fund raising in 2018 which included: increasing publicity for all SHC events – perhaps putting posters up around Sudbury, selling store items in more places than the Wayside Inn such as the Wayland Depot and/or the Marriot on Rt 20 in Sudbury, introducing new items to sell in the store and reducing Hosmer House rental fees to obtain more rentals. It was agreed that this last item was not feasible.

In the interest of time, it was decided that although it was on the agenda, Barbara would postpone presenting the new HH rental procedure until the next meeting. The decrease in the cost of rentals was approved a couple of years ago and further decreases are not anticipated at this time.

There had been an application submitted to the Sudbury building inspector for demolition of a home at 21 July Road. The SHC had received this information from the building inspector on Feb 2, 2018. The Commissioners had driven by this property prior to the meeting. This property was built in 1939 and represents a small cottage style dwelling. There was considerable discussion about the historical importance of the existing and remaining small cottages located in this part of Sudbury near Lake Willis. Concern was expressed that over time, fewer of these cottages will remain as they are demolished and replaced by larger structures. It was brought up that the SHC has considered in the past including these structures into our current historic building inventories. As part of the Demolition Delay bylaw process, the SHC passed on a 4-1 vote that the 1939 structure at 21 July Road has been found to have historical or architectural significance.

The State contractor for the Rt. 20/Landham Road reconstruction project had reached out to the SHC regarding the removal and relocation of a granite historical marker. The Commissioners reviewed a plan provided by the State contractor that proposed 2 different locations for the granite historical marker relocation. The Commissioners decided that additional time was needed to view this intersection and proposed relocation areas and that a decision would be made at the March SHC meeting.

Chris updated the SHC on the Carding Mill preservation status. A meeting was to be set up by the Town Manager between the SHC and the Sudbury Conservation Commission to discuss this subject. Chris was recently informed by the Town Manager that the Wayside Inn Board may have an interest in partnering

with the SHC on the Carding Mill preservation. The Town Manager will be getting back to Chris on this subject prior to setting up the meeting between the SHC and Sudbury Conservation Commission.

Regarding updates to the SHC Building Inventory, Chris and Fred Taylor of the SHDC have had discussions about finalizing the list of Sudbury properties built prior to 1940 and not located within the 5 Sudbury Historic Districts. Comments have been provided to Mark Thompson to provide additional edits to this list.

Chris has met with Stephanie Nosal to review the progress that the SHC intern has been making with documenting Florence Hosmer's letters and related pictures and entering them into a Town database. Chris handed out a summary of progress to date and questions that the SHC needs to answer to provide additional direction to the SHC intern. Discussion was held on some of the questions but further SHC discussion will be needed at the next meeting in March.

Diana Warren stated that the Sudbury BOS town center restoration committee has thought about and may be planning to propose/execute creation of a walkway through the town common green and planting of shrubbery and landscaping. Diane W. commented that she had said to Selectwoman Pat Brown that any plans for the common would need to be reviewed by the HDC and the HC.

Diana Cebra summarized a recent meeting that she and Jan held with several of the Hosmer House docents to further improve the Hosmer House docent program, support the SHC and to develop additional educational information on Florence Hosmer. The commissioners all expressed support for these efforts.

Chris reminded the SHC members that they will need to submit certificates showing completion of the Conflict of Interest training to the Town Clerk by our next meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Hagger, Vice-Chairman

CC: Town Manager, Town Planner, Mark Kerweck, Mark Thompson, Elaine Jones, Dan Mason, Art Richard, Adolf Bahlkow, Jim Hodder