

# SUDBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES

TUESDAY, 8 AUGUST 2006

Those Present:

Clay Allen  
Adolf Bahlkow  
Win Fitzgerald, CoChair  
Jim Hill  
Jim Hodder  
Lyn MacLean, CoChair  
Carole Wolfe  
June Allen, guest

The minutes of 20 June were accepted as typed. Bills for mowing the Haynes Garrison Site and the Section House were submitted for payment.

## **Hosmer House Renovations:**

The Commission viewed the ceiling in the Hosmer House Storeroom, which had been taken down and exposed beams and support systems. Jim Hill had met with Bud Harwath and Ben Walker to get their input on the next steps to be taken to restore its original state. Jim Hill and Lyn are contacting Elaine Jones to request the boilerplate for an RFP. Jody has offered to help with the completion of it so it can be sent out to bid as soon as possible so the house is ready for the holidays. Carole and Jim Hodder will meet to go over the three Phases and get back to Jim Hill on what should be in Phase I.

## **Hearse House Relocation:**

Jim Hill reported that he has been working with Bill Place on the location of the cement foundation and will contact Mike regarding the stone foundation to be sure it is local stone to be added around the sides. Bill Place said he would speak to Art Richard about bring electricity into the building by connecting to the DPW building on the left side. Win will purchase a house sign for the Shultz family who donated the Hearse House back to the town.

## **Ironworks Repairs:**

Jim Hill has contacted Elaine Jones regarding an RFP for this project. If the people who answered our request get the bid they will take out all the iron fencing and hinges and work on them over the winter. They will be replaced after the Center Committee has decided what is to be done in the Center of Sudbury as it will affect Concord Road.

## **Artwork Shelving Installation:**

Larry Jodrey of the Building Department has completed the new shelving to hold the oil paintings in the Hosmer House art room. He did excellent work and sponge board has been purchased to go in between each frame. Lyn and Adolf will work on moving the paintings and doing a new inventory as to their location. This room will be humidically controlled and locked once the work is completed.

## **John Power's Will:**

The Executor of John Power's gifts to the SHC have been delivered and received by Win. The SHC is in the process of doing an inventory. Once completed it will be given to the Selectmen who will officially accept the donation on behalf of the SHC.

**Carding Mill Rental Agreement:**

Lyn sent to Elaine Jones the recommendations that the SHC suggested be added to the Rental Agreement. Town Counsel has acknowledged receipt of same. Discussion took place regarding the Indian paintings, which are said to be inside a plastered wall. More research is being done on this.

**Frost Farm:**

Carole will meet with Jody to discuss recommendations that the SHC have regarding this building.

**Training Field:**

A letter from the Mass Historical Commission has been received stating that No Metal Detection shall be done on town historical sites unless approved by MHC and their legal documentation was attached. DPW will install the sign, which Town Counsel suggested. Lyn sent an e-mail to Bill Place with items that the SHC needs help completing before winter.

**Heritage Landscape Document:**

A rather lengthy official form was received to be completed on property designated to be on the Sudbury Landscape List. Carole and Lee Swanson of the Society were given this document to complete as it requested historical information on each that was selected.

**Rail Trail Input:**

A letter was received requesting that the SHC respond back with suggestions, concerns etc. regarding the proposed bike trail for Sudbury. The Commission will work together on a response.

**Rooster Painting:**

Tim Coyne has been given a painting by Florence Hosmer, which has a poem on the back, which needs to be deciphered. Once that is completed Aragon will restore and frame it for hanging in the Hosmer House kitchen.

**Appraisal:**

A painting needs to be appraised for insurance purposes and proper storage. This will be accomplished in September.

**New Letter Head:**

Clay was asked to update our present letterhead. The same logo is to be used but all writing and names to be in the same print.

**4<sup>th</sup> of July Event:**

This year the book sale was very successful and it was suggested it was planned again next year. A set up and a tear down committee needs to be put in place. Also, the hours should be 10 AM to when the parade starts coming through the Center. The hours this year was too long.

**Minuteman Fair:**

Win has submitted the paperwork for this year's fair with a request for the same location as last year. The two tents will be used with corn stalks to decorate the front. All members are asked to participate

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for 19 September at 7 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lyn MacLean, CoChair, Secretary

CC: Town Manager, Jody Kablack, Art Richard, Jody Lodrey, Bill Place, Elaine Jones, Mark Thompson, Marv Fickett, Muriel Plonko, John Fraize