

## SUDBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING

TUESDAY, 19 DECEMBER 2006

Those Present:	Guests:
Clay Allen	June Allen
Adolf Bahlkow	Kevin Lamenzo
Jim Hill	
Jim Hodder	
Lyn Maclean	
Liz Radoski	

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM. Bills were submitted by Auld Colony Artisans for the five district signs which were refurbished after fifteen years of wear and tear along our roadsides. The Sudbury Historic District Commission will now assume the responsibility of these signs going forward.

Jim Hill reported that he attended the Public Hearing of the CPC held on 12 December and requested that a stonewall be placed in front of the Hosmer House having the walkway between the house and the stonewall. This is being seriously considered and extended down Concord Road further. The Commission authorized Jim Hill to vote in support of the CPA funds request of \$30K for the engineering study for the Center Project. Jim Hodder reported that Plan 3 got the majority vote which would take away the cut off in front of the Town Hall but everything depends on the acceptance of the First Parish Meeting House to give up the requested land to make this possible. Once things are in place this must all go to Town Meeting for a vote.

Jim Hill met with Ben Walker regarding the moving of the Hearse House which is presently planned for the first week in January, weather permitting. The foundation has been completed and the Commission is grateful to Bill Place for making the necessary changes so it meets spec.

Jim Hill will meet soon with Elaine Jones to finish the paperwork so the iron works can go out to bid and a contract can be awarded in January. The plan is to have it worked on during the winter months so it can be ready for installation once the center plan has been approved.

The bid has been written for the work on the Hosmer House ceiling. Jim Hill will meet with the Structural Engineer who is willing to do the structural plan for free. Once that is approved by the Commission the bids can go out. Hopefully work can get started in Jan.

A sample of the plaque blueprint for the Revolutionary Cemetery has been mailed to see if it needs to be scanned in. Once the Commission has approved the format work can begin. Bill Place has already set the granite sign holder inside the cemetery walls to protect the replacement sign from potential damage. The Commission is grateful for Bill's continued support of Historical Projects.

Lyn reported that Art Richard is working on getting the two lamps working on the sidewalk leading into Hosmer House. This will be welcomed by all as it was a safety concern.

Liz has written 28 thank you notes to those involved in making our Open House this year so successful. She still has more to write and the Commission thanked her for her efforts. She recommended that the house be open two week nights next year due to the overwhelming crowd that attended Wednesday night this year. Putting items back in place went much more smoothly this year due to all the help from our volunteers. Liz requested that Jim Hodder improve on the wooden cup plate holders so they can be sold and work correctly.

Adolf went to the Sudbury School Department to get the newspaper article laminated as Larry O'Brien had suggested. This will hang in the Hosmer House to let people know what the house can look like during the holidays. Many of the decorators want to do it again next year and we have more docents that have volunteered.

Lyn will request help from Larry Jody to build a shelf in the counter storeroom which will help the workers during the sales. She will ask Art if a light can be added in the cellar so the storage bins can be seen for sorting. These requests will be made through Jody Kablack. Jim Hill will donate storage shelving for the purpose of holding the holiday decorations. Lyn ordered and received eight tree bags which will help on locating each one for each room.

Jim Hill will contact Jody to inform her that the SHC will be applying for the Mass Hist Comm Grant Program for a 50% reimbursement for the renovation of the Hearse House. The paperwork must be submitted by 21 February and Jody has offered to assist with it.

The SHC then met in executive session to discuss the applicants for the open position on the Commission. A vote was taken and unanimously approved Dr. Fitzgerald to replace his wife.

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lyn MacLean  
SHC Chairman/Secretary

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