

## SUDBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES

TUESDAY, 20 JUNE 2006

Those Present:

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

The meeting was brought to order at 7:05 PM. The minutes of 16 May were accepted as typed.

**Events:** The Commission was pleased with the Memorial Day Open House and the display that Peter Harvell put on in the ballroom honoring veterans. The event honoring our High School Superintendent went well on June 8<sup>th</sup>. The wedding on June 10<sup>th</sup> was held in the ballroom, as the weather did not permit the use of tents.

July 4<sup>th</sup> will be an Open House featuring Tara Bausk displaying all media of artwork. The Commission Members will run a book sale on the patio with all proceeds going to the Hosmer Fund. The hours are 10 to 3 PM and docents will arrive at 9:30 or so with the sale tables being open at 8:30.

The theme for decorating the Holiday Open House in December will be "Famous Animals From Story Land". Win held a meeting with the decorating committee this week and they are busy planning their ideas on how to make this year's event another success.

**Preservation of Paintings:** Carole did intense research on the best way to go about preserving the paintings of Miss Hosmer's that are not on display. The temperature should be kept at 68 degrees and humidity between 50 to 55. She spoke with the Museum of Fine Arts, Danforth Museum, DeCordova, Historic New England and others on the internet were contacted for information. Jim Hill will obtain grant forms for the Conservation Assessment Program (CAP) as recommended by Historic New England so that we can apply for funds for this project. Danforth referred us to the New England Museum Association website which has professional shelving and storage supplies. Lyn was asked to contact Aragon Art to see what they would advise. It was suggested that the present room we use upstairs be made fireproof and climate controlled as much as possible and shelving be installed to help the situation at the present time until more money can be spent for a separate enclosure.

**Training Field:** All information and forms have been submitted to the Selectmen's office for approval of a separate sign to be made by the DPW, which states: "No Metal Detecting Allowed", this historical site is under the jurisdiction of the Sudbury Historical Commission.

**Cup Plate:** It was decided that the next cup plate be the color amber but a little darker. Janet Rudolf has completed the design.

**Chairs:** Avery Upholstering did excellent work on the chair to match Alice's couch. They also put new seats in the three straight chairs in the parlor so they all match with blue velvet.

**Rev Cemetery:** Jim Hodder past out a copy of the town's contract to do the Revolutionary Cemetery mowing. The wooden replacement sign has been completed by Bob Leonard. Jim Hill will talk to Bill Place about moving the Revolutionary granite slab inside the cemetery so the metal engraved map can be placed on it.

**Town Center:** Jim Hodder informed us that there would be a meeting of the Town Center Committee on 21 June, which he and the Allens will be attending. It was suggested they request all driveways entering the town common area be coated with chip seal or some other treatment that gives the old look appearance.

**CPC Report:** Carole reported that the Wayside Inn would not have a preservation restriction meeting the State standards and that the Massachusetts Historical Commission will not approve the permanent certification the Inn has agreed to. The Commission's approval of this hinged on a restriction being part of the approval.

**Hearse House:** Jim Hill reported that he had spoken to Bud Harworth and Ben Walker and they are planning on beginning work the third week in July to take down the building. Jim will talk to Bill Place about the cement slab being put in place as we have received bids for a stone foundation. He will also request that electricity be brought over to it. Elaine Jones has sent a letter of documentation that the land is town owned and can be used to place the hearse house behind the animal pound.

**Storeroom Ceiling:** Mr. Pino has confirmed that he will have the ceiling taken down the week of July 10<sup>th</sup>. That means that the room must be cleared of everything except the piano and counter front. Lyn will work with Nat Burke, Liz Radowski and Commission Members to see that it happens.

**Trees:** There will be a hearing in the Lower Town Hall by the Planning Board for the Mulberry Tree in front of the Grange, trees and stonewall on Willis Road to be held on Wednesday, 28 June 06 at 7:30. Scott Taylor has been informed of the really dead tree on Rt 20 in front of the RR Section House. Lyn has asked that the town take it down as branches have been falling on the landscapers we have mowing the property.

**Town Owned Properties:** The Commission requested that Lyn set up a meeting with Jody to discuss Stearns Dam, Carding Mill, Frost Farm and Loring Parsonage. The meeting to take place early in a weekday morning so members could attend.

**Survey:** Gretchen Schuller has most of the survey completed and ready to be place in GIS. Mark Thomson is looking for a laptop so that she can transfer the information.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 18 July 2006 at the Hosmer House.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lyn MacLean,  
CoChair/Secretary

CC: Jody Kablack, Town Manager, Mark Thompson, Bill Place, Scott Taylor, Art Richard, John Fraize, Muriel Plonko, Marv Fickett,