

SUDBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

TUESDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 2007

Those Present:
Adolf Bahlkow
Doc Fitzgerald
Ellen Given
Jim Hill
Jim Hodder
Lyn MacLean
Liz Radoski

Guests:
Clay Allen
June Allen
Gretchen Schuller

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM after setting up Christmas trees in each room. The minutes of 16 October were approved as typed. The financial report will be given at our next meeting as the figures were not completed for this month.

Events:

Liz gave a run down of what has been accomplished so far: Posters have been placed around town. Invitations have been designed and sent out, thanks to Susan Litowitz. Jim Hill will touch up the wooden signs to be placed at the Fire and Police Stations. The food has been ordered for the Dec 7th "Thank You Party". Refreshments have been purchased for the four open house dates. The entertainment has been confirmed for 8 and 9 Dec open house. Docents have been scheduled for set up on Dec 1 and 2 by Pat Howard. Gingerbread men are in the making by Barbara Bahlkow. Flowers have been ordered and servers have confirmed. Publicity has gone out to the newspapers and an attempt to contact Chronicle has been made. The Commission members then went over their calendars for the month of December to be sure there was coverage for all events and times the Hosmer House would be open to decorators and the public.

Phone System:

Mark Thompson has installed a new phone system in the Hosmer House and the new number is 978-639-3346. We are now part of the town system and can take advantage of being notified via e-mail when we have incoming messages to retrieve. Mark will add us to the town telephone list and make sure we now get into the Verizon phone books which we were left out of previously.

Old Homes Survey:

Gretchen Schuler presented the last of the finished property forms. She had sent the complete set to the Mass Historical Commission and we had received a letter from them stating what a good job she had done for us. Her invoice will be paid out of the CPC funds and she offered to help us if we needed it putting the second edition together. Doc will be working on this and Jim Hodder will contact the owners for their final review before it goes into the booklet. Liz suggested they all be notified to come to a meeting at the Hosmer House after the holidays so we could all help them understand the forms and answer any questions before it goes to press.

Training Field:

A letter was received from the Mass Historical Commission acknowledging that they had received all the documentation for registering this property as a historical site. Their lawyer gave us information on an archeology dig and the procedures to follow if a decision was made to go that route. They suggested a preservation restriction be put on the field and Jody offered to help on how to accomplish this as it will have to go to town meeting. Lyn had discussed this with Elaine Jones as the warrant goes to print in January which gives us little time. A **vote** was taken and passed unanimously to have a restriction put on the Training Field.

CPC Application:

Lyn presented the SHC request for funds for an appraisal of Miss Florence Hosmer's paintings for a total of \$16,000. Now that many have been restored and framed it is necessary for insurance purposes. This must be approved by Town Meeting if CPC recommends approval.

CPC Projects:

Jim Hill reported that Jim Kelley can sign off on Danti's structural plan for the **Hosmer House ceiling** then it can go out to bid. Hopefully this will happen in January. The **Hearse House** has a few more boards in place and Jim has pushed Bud to get it up before the cup plates come out. **Loring Pasonage** has had the wiring stripped off along with the wiring at Town Hall. The roofing bid has been written and ready to be sent out. **Ironworks** is mostly completed with a few pieces to be forged and reassembled. The gate will be reset in stone and Bill Place has offered to help on this project.

Back Door:

Doc will paint the back hall door and take off some of the hardware so it is ready for the holiday decorations. He will also purchase a draft guard for the threshold. The double door leading out of the storeroom has a new key and the lock is now working correctly. Liz presented an Emergency Exit Plan and will give it to all the docents and post it in the office. In case of fire all stairways and exits are to be in use.

Plaques for Paintings:

All paintings now have brass plaques explaining what people are looking at. This has been a year long project involving a lot of work but well worth it. A large weather proof plaque has been placed in Grinnell Park in Memory of Mickey Hriniaak, Sudbury's Tree Warden from 1956 to 1970. It is hanging from the tree that was planted in his memory by his family.

Genealogy Data:

Bill Johnson, Helen Casey, Lee Regal, Adolf Bahlkow and Lyn MacLean met to collect all the research each had done on the Hosmer Family Tree. Bill presented a chart which he had completed and after gathering all the data from the meeting he will make a copy of the chart to hang in the downstairs hall. More research will be on going until all the Hosmer letters are filed. A fireproof cabinet to store this information in cost between \$2,600 to \$3,000.

CDs

Adolf brought 100 CDs to be sold at the Holiday Open House. He had them made from John Power's record and they will sell for \$10.00 each.

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Lyn MacLean
CoChairman/Secretary

CC: Town Manager, Jody Kablack, Jim Kelly, Art Richard, Mark Thompson, Bill Place, Elaine Jones