

**SUDBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
TUESDAY, 20 APRIL 2010**

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

The minutes of March 2010 were accepted as typed. The financial report showed that we are on target for our balances to cover expenditures to last until June 30th. Purchasing cup plates and throws was discussed to come out of the E.B.Hosmer Fund.

The rental on 10 April for the Anniversary/Wedding Celebration was a success and we received a thank you letter in appreciation for the use of the Hosmer House.

All the CPC historical articles slated for Town Meeting passed in our favor. It was suggested that we submit a CPC request to have the gazebo at Wadsworth Cemetery repaired with a new roof and painting. This was voted on and passed unanimously. Jim Hill will present it in the fall to CPC.

Memorial Day – Ellen has sent out nineteen letters to the relatives of those who will be honored in the parlor of the Hosmer House on Monday, 31 May 2010. She will be placing information in the Town Crier and Action Unlimited the beginning of May. She requested that Jim Hill give Susan the list so that placards can be made for each person to be set by their picture. Peter Harvell is organizing a presentation of WWII company models of ships, planes, vehicles and artifacts to be on display in the ballroom that day. Liz will purchase the juice and cookies and all members and docents will work that day. Lyn is to get a picture of Muriel Plonko and information for the display card.

Fourth of July – Jim Hodder will call Natalie Eaton to see if she is interested in displaying her art. Tim Coyne and Helen Marie Casey are going to display old newspaper articles and letters of Miss Hosmers. Helen has nine chapters done on the book she is writing about Florence.

Holiday Theme – The Commission voted unanimously on “Winter Holidays” which are the known holidays from November through December. Religious and otherwise as each room takes on a special day. Liz is scheduling a June meeting for all the decorators.

Hosmer Gardens – Mr. and Mrs. Caira have cut back the lilac, privet and wedding bouquet bushes in front of the house. The Sudbury Garden Club has worked hard weeding the Fairy Garden in hopes that the Girl Scout will help them out in the future. Either boy scouts or girl scouts will be asked to sort out the plantings in the back of the house. As soon as that is accomplished the town will be requested to take away the large pile of weeds from in back of the shed. Liz will purchase some garden supplies and two trash barrels.

Cup Plates & Throws: Janice Rudolph will be requested to design the cup plate for this year and a minimal order will be placed. Lyn will try to obtain a multi colored throw to see if that is what we want to order as the first order has to be 48 which cost \$27 each.

CPC Projects:

Hosmer House – Jim Hill has met with a rep from the Permanent Building Committee and it is expected that will met again and discuss just what is to be in the bid for the air conditioning. Jim will work with Elaine to get this started before July. Hal Cutler will be contacted to attend a meeting along with the expert from the PBC to discuss fire suppression at one of our meeting this spring. This summer it is planned that the floors will be painted and Jim will inform Steve Richards to schedule his painters. Jim Kelly suggested insulating the attic and especially above the art room. The Commission must consider how this will look as it will cover the wide attic boards with a yellow acetone plastic

material. Jim Hill has contacted a mason who hopefully will be working on the shed steps and back hall steps very soon. The repair to the lower front windows still have to be done and the molding put up in the parlor and back bedroom along one wall.

Hearse House – Ben Walker is to have specs for the doors this week. Jim Hill will let Jody know as this money has to be spent by July 1st. Hinges have to be made special so the door information is necessary to proceed.

Old Homes Survey – Doc is working with Gretchen Schuller. Lyn is to call the Dickey family to make arrangements to look at their property so Gretchen can complete the information form.

Loring Parsonage – The electric meter has been removed from the front of the house. The white board left in its place must be either painted or covered with the same clapboards. Liz is working with Mike Melnick to get this accomplished soon. The DPW will start the landscaping some time soon which is planned to be plain and simple.

Cemeteries – Jan Hardenbergh could not come to this meeting to talk to us about the data collected from the radar which just got passed at Town Meeting. Liz will be working with Elaine to prepare the bids which will go out sometime this summer. Now that the weather has cleared and the flooding stopped the gravestones in New Town will be completed and the ones in the HH cellar will be repaired. Jim Hill will work with Elaine to get the bid for the damaged Tombs so the DA has the information for the court trial.

Haynes Garrison Site – The dead large trees have been removed and the under brush taken down and carried away so that the site is cleared and you are now able to see the granite marker from the street. We appreciate the cooperation given to us on this project by Bill Place and Scott Taylor. It will be raked and mowed in the month of May. The Commission voted to have a kiosk placed on the site with historic information and a picture of the house that once stood there.

Section House – Lyn has contacted Jody to see if funds are expected from the Maple Avenue Condominium Project. The stone foundation around the Railroad House is falling in and needs to have cement added to secure the stones. Jody is to let Lyn know if a portion of the 5K can be obtained for this purpose.

Painting Restoration – Lyn and Adolf are to meet in the Art Room to select paintings that are to be restored with the funds donated in memory of Ken Ritchie. The Open Door oil painting is presently being restored as the linseed oil seeped through due to humidity which we hope AC will help.

The meeting adjourned at 9:PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Lyn MacLean
Chairman/Secretary

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