

SUDBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY 2012

Those Present: Barbara Bahlkow, Doc Fitzgerald, Jim Hill, Bill Johnson, Lyn MacLean, Liz Radoski. Guests: Lee Swanson, Ursula Lyons, Mary Vivaldi

Members of the Sudbury Historical Society came to our meeting to discuss the future of having a museum near the center of town. Different ideas were openly brought to the table by both parties. The Society is still in the research stage and will meet with us again to discuss other options they come up with. Lee informed the Commission that the granite guide posts will have the black lettering repainted soon and wanted our approval. A unanimous vote was taken for this to be completed.

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM. The minutes of January 23<sup>rd</sup> were accepted as typed. Liz reported on the financial status of the Hosmer Fund and General Fund. A donation was accepted in the amount of \$50.00 from Joan MacGilvra and will be deposited in the Hosmer Fund. Doc made a motion to use the Win Fitzgerald Fund to be expended on gardening supplies. The motion seconded and passed unanimously.

Events:

League of Women Voters – 15 March at the Grange from 12 to 2 PM.

Villagers Meeting – 5 April at Hosmer House at 9 AM

Book Signing by Helen Casey – 15 April at Hosmer House from 2 – 4PM

Sudbury Cultural Council – 15 April at Hosmer House to display restored paintings 2-4

Sweet – 28 April 10 – 1 (weed pulling group to use patio and dining room)

Memorial Day – 28 May at Hosmer House to honor those deceased 10 – 2 PM

Fourth of July Open House– 4 July pie and yard sale from 10 – 2 (members 9-3PM)

Minuteman Fair – 22 September at the Wayside in 9 – 4 PM

Holiday Open House – Dec 8,9,12,15,16

A discussion took place regarding the appointment of a candidate for the opening on our Commission. All applications were considered and two people had been interviewed. A motion was made and seconded to recommend Diana Cebra. A vote was taken and it passed unanimously. Lyn will send an e-mail to Jody and Maureen asking them to take this vote into consideration for the Selectmen's next meeting.

Lyn then reviewed the suggestion made with Jody to form a subcommittee of people that would be willing to help give of their time and knowledge on so many of our activities. Each person would report to a Commission member for guidance. This would alleviate some of the pressure put on members during events. Some of our docents have volunteered to serve. We are in need of more docents right now.

CPC FY12:

Jim reported that he is waiting for the electrician and carpenter to finish up their projects in the Hosmer House under the CPC funding for FY12. The hinges on the Hearst House are to be installed before April 15<sup>th</sup>. Bill meet with Jim Kelly and a mason on the

roof of the Hosmer House to inspect the chimneys and decide how the bid should be written up to get the repairs done in a historical proper way. Flashing needs to be installed and some caps may have to be replaced plus repointing of the brick. Bill will discuss with Jim how long the roof will last before it has to be replaced. Liz reported that Elaine is working on the radar bid for the Revolutionary Cemetery which should be ready to go out in the spring. The weed pulling is continuing around the tombs and stonewalls.

#### CPC FY13:

Jim reported that the CPC FY13 submissions for the fire suppression system for the Hosmer House, repair of the animal pound and continuing the Old Homes Survey has been approved by CPC and will be on the Town Meeting Warrant.

The Hosmer House has been cleaned by Lyn and Liz for the past few years and it was decided to hire a professional company due to all the work that has taken place over the past two years. Liz and Lyn met with several cleaners and recommend that P & L Cleaners be hired to vacuum, dust and completely clean the twelve rooms. It is planned that the Hosmer House will have this kind of service about three times a year. A quote for washing the inside windows was requested also.

Barbara reported that the Wayside Inn had sold some of our cup plates and she has delivered more. She is going to check with Duck Soup on the mugs to see how many they had sold. She also suggested that we hold a Docent training in the near future. Lyn promised to put Funding on the agenda from now on so a report can be given.

Lyn read a letter received by Kevin Kennedy on the archeological dig he had performed on the old Babe Ruth property in Pine Lakes. He did not find a base ball or bat.

Doc is going to go into the Mass Historical Commission and see what paperwork has to be completed in order to get a preservation put on the Training Field.

#### Miscellaneous Items:

A few requests have been made by the public to open up the RR Shack on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Bill offered to be the person to be there for a couple of hours and maybe pull out the maintenance car.

Aragon Art has completed five of Miss Hosmer's paintings which were to be restored with the funding from the Sudbury Cultural Council. Five more will be done before the show in April.

Barbara will speak to Jean Simple to see if Chronicle would do a show on the historical value of Hosmer House.

The meeting adjourned at 9:46 PM

Respectfully Submitted, Lyn MacLean, Chairman/Secretary