

Sudbury Historical Commission Minutes

Tuesday, 28 January 2014

Those Present: Barbara Bahlkow, Fred Bautze, Diana Cebra, Jim Hill, Bill Johnson, Lyn MacLean, Liz Radoski. Guest: David Howe

The minutes of November 2013 were accepted as typed. Liz gave the financial report and all bills have been submitted and paid. Barbara reported that the 375 cup plates had been given to the Wayside Inn, Sudbury Historical Society and Town Clerk's Office to sell.

Rentals:

18 May the SHS and 375th Committee are planning a tour of Sudbury Center and the Hosmer House will be open for this event.

23 August the 375th will have events going on in Sudbury Center and the Hosmer House will be open.

3 May will hold a garlic pull sponsored by SWEET and will use the patio and kitchen at the Hosmer House.

11 Dec the Town Party will be held at the Hosmer House from 10 to 1:30.

Events: The Holiday Open House held in December was a huge success. Eleven rooms were decorated and the public enjoyed touring the house. Due to a snow storm the house had to be closed the last Sunday. The theme for next year will be "Holidays Through the Eyes of a Child". Diana will be Chairman of this event. Lyn read letters from the Town Manager's office and a letter from Len Simons our Selectmen thanking us for a job well done. Lyn thanked Bill for all the time and work he put in preparing the house for this event. Liz will organize Memorial Day and Lyn will organize the Fourth of July. The whole Commission will work at the Minuteman Fair at the Wayside Inn.

Vote: An application for demolition of a house located at 248 North Road was submitted.

Six members of the Commission toured the property along with the owner David Howe.

After an open discussion a motion was made that this property had a historical background as a stage coach stop but over the years many changes had been made plus portions demolished and therefore consented that a demolish permit be given. The vote was 5 for and 1 abstained. Lyn will send a letter to Mark Herweck in the Sudbury Building Department informing him of this decision.

The Commission decided to have a painting of a still life restored in honor of June Allen's longtime volunteer commitment to the SHC.

CPC:

Jim presented the CPC's recommendation to meet their budget as the requests come in for more funds than they had available. Much discussion took place regarding each item and Jim explained how each request would be cut in order to meet the final figure. The SHC original request was for \$200K but the proposed amount would be \$150K plus 12,500 for the restoration of the monuments added under the SHC for a total of 162,500K.

Vote: A unanimous vote was taken to instruct Jim to support the presented CPA budget at Town Meeting.

Projects: The back door hardware will be ordered by Jim Kelly and as soon as it arrives the back hall door will be installed. Liz will meet with Elaine tomorrow to find out the status of the Fire Suppression System. It is hopeful that it can go out to bid right away so the work can be completed before we have to open the house for Memorial Day. Liz will contact Mr, Perry to recommend that four graves in the Revolutionary Cemetery be considered for a summer project. The books and maps are finished and ready to be picked up. Liz will work with Fred to set up a date to go to Amherst.

Bill will inform Art Richard that the SHC would like to have the town install a lamp and post to match what is in Town Center installed at the lower corner of the Hosmer House driveway. This is a safety issue due to snow and ice and the darkness getting into the back entry of the HH.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lyn MacLean
Chairman/Secretary

CC: Town Manager, Jody Kablack, Elaine Jones, Bill Place, Jim Kelly, Art Richard, Mark Herweck, Scott Taylor, Doc Fitzgerald, Jim Hodder, Adolf Bahlkow