

SUDBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
TUESDAY, 15 JUNE 2015

Those Present: Barbara Bahlkow, Fred Bautze, Diana Cebra, Chris Hagger, Jim Hill,
Lyn MacLean, absent: Bill Johnson, guests: Liz Radoski, Maureen Hines

The minutes of May were accepted as typed. The Treasurer report was given by Liz and she explained that she has written guidelines to be followed by the next Treasurer. Barbara turned in the Memorial Day contributions and the Villagers donations. It is the end of the Fiscal Year June 30 so all bills have been turned in so the General Fund is just about depleted.

Vote: It was a unanimous vote to have Diana Cebra be our next Treasurer and Liz will meet with her to get her up to speed.

The Memorial Day Open House was a success and Maureen will write thank you notes to the Millie Family for the wonderful display they did in the ballroom. We are grateful we could honor this soldier on this special day.

Fourth of July: The Hosmer House will be open from 10 to 2. Lyn has requested information as to when the parade will arrive at the center but has had no response. Pat Howard has docents lined up for that time frame. Barbara's sister Betty will man the pie table and the Villagers will be baking for the event. Fred can work for the AM only but all other members will be on duty all day. Joan Morgello will exhibit her paintings of Sudbury scenes in the parlor and Bob Cook will display his photography in the ballroom.

September 12th the Commission voted to hold an Open House as that will be Agricultural Day in the Center and Diana will work with Nancy Hamill to coordinate the events taking place that day. We will discuss the particulars at our next meeting.

Vote: 7 July Road Demolition Request: It was a majority vote that the property was not historically significant. It was also discussed that the SHC should meet with the District to see if they should consider making Pine Lakes a Historic District. If so, this might save many of the camps that Sudbury was known for in the early years. Members were requested to review these roads and report back at the next meeting.

The Strawberry Festival was a success and we received a thank you note for helping the Congregational Church with their event in Heritage Park.

The Peter Noyes School fifth grade filmed a colonial story in the Hosmer House on June 8,9, and 12th. Colonial Day was held at the Hosmer House by the third graders from Peter Noyes the same week.

Sudbury Garden Club will receive a grant for recognition of their work. Diana will be the liaison to that group and explain that plantings should be in keeping with the age of the property in the gardens around the house.

Open Meeting Law: Jim Hill has met with members of the SHC individually to explain the law and have each member sign that they received this training. He will be meeting with Fred and Chris this month. It is important that we abide by the guidelines, especially with e-mails.

CPC Projects:

Cemeteries: Liz reported that the contract for North Cemetery has been signed by Kia and the certificate for insurance was received. Work should start this summer.

Jim hopes to meet with the vendor for the Fire Detection System this next month.

Lyn read the e-mail received from our Town Clerk stating the projects passed at Town Meeting this year for CPC Funding: This includes: building a kiosk in the vicinity of the Hearse House, Town Pound and Revolutionary War Cemetery, continue the Old Homes Survey and restoration of signage in the town cemeteries. (we have one more to do which is New North Cemetery)

The restoration of the town statues will start this month with the stone at the Training Field. The brush and undergrowth will be removed and when completed Diana and Maureen will put in new plantings. There are 8 monuments under the direction of Rachel Goodrich to be restored and Jim will sign off when the work is completed.

Requested signage to be placed in front of the Hosmer House is to be forwarded to Lyn first and she will make the decision and inform other members of the Commission.

Lyn will contact our new lawyer to see the rules for having a subcommittee and report back at the next meeting.

Chris and Lyn will meet with Doc Fitzgerald on Thursday, 25 June to go over the Old Homes Survey records. Chris has agreed to take on this project as he has worked with Gretchen Schuller in Wayland and has a wealth of knowledge working with the Mass. Historical Commission.

Bill Johnson is not at our meeting as he is attending the Blue Ribbon Committee on the Town Hall renovations. He will report via e-mail as to decisions being made.

Liz attend the Historical Sudbury Group which meets every other month to discuss historical events and issues that are planned to be put on a calendar on the website. Lyn will attend the next meeting which is 10 August.

Art Richard has been working on the AC equipment. Hopefully it will be running properly for July 4th.

Fred and Jim will meet with Mark Thompson to update the SHC website. Pictures will be added along with a link to Old Home Plaque forms.

Stephanie Nosal has been working with Lyn and Helen Casey on sorting Miss Hosmer's letters and organizing all the many photographs that have been stored in the attic for many years. Chris will help in the fall cleaning up some of the boxes still in the attic holding many books and paperwork.

Diana has cleaned and rearranged the closets in the kitchen which should make it much easier to operate events needing supplies. The Commission appreciates the extra time she puts in to make our house and gardens look so beautiful.

Lyn read a letter sent to the Commission from Liz Radoski thanking us for the gift we gave her for her many years of service. So glad she will be working with us on a subcommittee.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lyn MacLean
Chairman/Secretary

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