

**SUDBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
TUESDAY, 19 JANUARY 2016**

Those Present: Barbara Bahlkow, Fred Bautze, Diana Cebra, Chris Hagger,
Lyn MacLean, Diana Warren. Absent: Bill Johnson.
Friends of Hosmer House, Liz Radoski

The meeting was called to order at 7.10 PM at the Hosmer House.

Stuart Hoover gave a presentation on the plans for the renovation of the Loring Parsonage. The SHC was informed that the SHS had granted 400K from the CPC and planned to use the Harry Rice and Wood Davidson funds along with a capital campaign. The Commission was in agreement that the view from the street staying the same. A discussion followed with helpful suggestions before the Sudbury Historical Society meets with the Historic District.

The financial report was given with the General Fund and Hosmer Fund figures from the town Accounting Department in agreement with our records. Our throws are now advertised on the SHS website which has brought in sales via the internet. Items for next year's sales have been purchased with 70 to 90% discount on Christmas items. The Rebecca Circle paid a rental fee for use of the house on Monday, 7 December 2015.

The reservations for use of the Hosmer House are:

April to be announced once the SHS sets a date
April 7 from 9:30 to 12 Villagers
May 21 from 9 to 12 Hosmer Open House for SHS
May 30 from 10 to 3 Memorial Day
June 5 from 12:30 to 2 Hosmer Tour
July 4th from 10 to 3 Open House
Sept 24th 10 to 4 Booth at Minuteman Fair
Oct 7 10:30 to 12 Book Club by Maureen Hines

A rundown of the pros and cons of this year's Holiday Open House was reported and a copy is attached to these minutes. The Hosmer Family History document was given out and will also be given to the Docents. A copy is attached to these minutes.

Demolition Delay Law: Chris contacted Chris Scully of the Mass. Historical Commission to find out what we need to do to proceed with going from 6 months to a year. The MHC is presently writing guidelines to extend the time from 6 to 12 or even 18. 30 towns have 12 months and 8 have 18 months. Chris and Fred will hold a conference call with Chris Scully to see the next step we should take to increase our time frame. It was suggested to have Fred Taylor of the Sudbury District come to one of our meetings.

CPC Review: Diana Warren reported there are presently eight projects before CPC. A unanimous vote was taken by the Commission to support the Loring Parsonage study by the Sudbury Historical Society. Some members expressed concern over the possible demolishing of the 1850 wing. A unanimous vote was also taken to support the Goodnow Library for their funds for technology upgrade. A unanimous vote was taken for preservation restrictions on 94 acres of the Wayside Inn project.

Liz reported that two separate work order contracts for designated gravestones to be repaired this spring at the Revolutionary Cemetery have been prepared. The next big project will be to evaluate Wadsworth Cemetery and prepare bids. Diana Cebra offered to help with this big job along with Lyn.

Fire Detection System: Jim Kelly has received the bids and the Town Lawyer and Town Manager are reviewing the procedure. Lyn met with Jim and it is the hope that it will be installed before Memorial Day.

It was a unanimous vote to obtain a professional consultant in textiles so that Florence's dresses and other clothing could be protected. Diana Cebra knows such an individual and will work with getting this done.

Diana Cebra will update the Docents with documentation necessary to educate them for the tours. 50 volunteers are on the e-mail list which makes communication easier. We appreciate all Pat Howard has done in the regard over the years and an assistant will be assigned to help her.

It was decided to open the Hosmer House for tours before the SHS meetings each month starting in April. It is hoped that by then the fire detection system will be installed and the house cleaned.

The Haynes Garrison split rail fence has been restored by Bill Johnson. However in the spring we may need to replace it as it is showing its age.

Lyn wrote the Town Report and asked for everyone's input as the final is due next week. A copy is attached to these minutes.

Chris is waiting for Mark Thompson to prepare the spread sheet that Gretchen Schuller gave us on the old homes that have been surveyed and those that need to be done according to age.

Two paintings will be restored in memory of Dr. Fitzgerald. Lyn will take the conductor and seascape to Mrs. Carmichael this next week.

The books in the attic have been sorted by Chris and Fred. The Boston Book Dealer will be contacted in the spring as it is too cold to work in the attic at this time.

Election of SHC Officers: Lyn MacLean- Chairman, Chris Hagger -Vice Chairman, Treasurer- Liz Radoski, Fred Bautze- Record Keeper, Diana Cebra- Landscaping/Events, Barbara Bahlkow - Storeroom /Calendar, Bill Johnson- Repair and Maintenance, Diana Warren- CPC Representative.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Lyn MacLean, Chairman

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