Harwinton Historic District & Historic Properties Commission

Minutes For Virtual Meeting October 17, 2023 - 7:00 PM



Present: Carole Romano, Peter Brazaitis, Bree Gurin **Absent:** Joann Hohensee, Power Boothe, Greg Marshall

With a quorum established, the meeting was opened at 7:12 PM by Chairman Carole Romano.

Minutes of the July 18, 2023 meeting were approved.

New Business Correspondence

There were no new COA applications. However, Carole did receive a phone inquiry from a homeowner who wanted to know if grant money was available for a roof replacement. Carole explained that, generally, grants are only given to non-profit-owned buildings at this time.

Property Updates

- The house at 39 Litchfield Road, known as the Creamery, recently changed ownership
- The Harwinton Congregational Church Parsonage, located at 20 South Road, is for sale

Both properties are in the Center Corners Historic District and are listed on the National Register.

OLD BUSINESS

Power Booth has not yet provided an answer as to whether or not he'll continue in his position with the Commission.

MISCELLANEOUS

Carole mentioned that someone put up a greenhouse or garden structure, 15' long and 10' wide, at a home within the district that's covered with plastic sheeting. The structure appears to be temporary, and it was agreed that no action is required at this time.

Carole informed the members in attendance that Preservation Connecticut is hosting a "virtual chat" (Making Historic Homes More Livable) on Wednesday, October 18, 2023, at 12 noon that will address how to integrate modern amenities into historic homes in keeping with a home's period and style. Resources for locating appropriate materials and supplies for preservation/renovation work will be provided. Bree and Carole plan to attend, work schedules permitting, and the presentation will be available for viewing on the Preservation Connecticut YouTube channel.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Bree Gurin, Member Harwinton Historic District & Historic Properties Commission