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HARWINTON HOUSE COMMITTEE

Minutes

March 2, 2011

A meeting of the Harwinton House Committee was held on March 2, in the West Conference Room at the Harwinton Town Hall.

Chairman Roger Plaskett called the meeting to order at 7:01. All members listed on the letterhead except for Larry Connors and Keith Golnik were in attendance. Also attending were Steven Bielitz and Dan Shields of Glastonbury Restorations and Bud Wilkinson of the Waterbury Republican.

Roger Plaskett announced that the Harwinton House is now on the State Register of Historic Places. Approval was granted today in Hartford. The approval means the house now qualifies for Historic Preservation Funds (HRF) matching grants up to \$200,000.

Roger, Nancy Schnyer and Dick Pacholski commented favorably regarding Roger's presentation to the Harwinton Historical Society on Monday night. All agreed that there was a positive energy among the approximately 35 people who attended. At the meeting which followed, the membership unanimously passed a motion "to commit to the responsibility for the maintenance and support of the Harwinton

House as primary tenants upon the completion and reassembly of the building in Harwinton”.

The committee then addressed a proposal from Glastonbury Restorations to dismantle and document the Harwinton House. Questions were raised regarding lead paint, dumpsters, storage trailers, and reassembly specifications. A question regarding liability led to the suggestion that the contract and questions should be reviewed by the town attorney. Messrs. Bielitz and Shields commented on the building's authenticity and the extent of damage and methods of documenting the dismantling. They were impressed with the corner cupboard, molding and scrolling on the stairway. They thought some of the damage could be repaired or minimized during re-assembly.

Agenda item #6, Review possible grants for phase 2, was tabled. Greg Farmer agreed to email Roger a list of possible grants to pursue.

On a motion from Peter Thierry, seconded by Carole Romano, the minutes of the February 24 meeting were approved unanimously.

The committee discussed the Board of Finance plan of approach. Roger led a discussion using the slide he presented at the Historical Society meeting. Suggestions for changes were made and will be incorporated into the handout for the Finance Committee meeting on Thursday, March 3rd. Roger will be sure to include the letter from the state of Connecticut approving the switch of the grant from the Wilcox House to the Harwinton House and the letter of agreement between the town and the homes owners, the Appelts.

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, March 9, at 7:00 at the Harwinton Town Hall.

A motion to adjourn by Nancy Schnyer, seconded by Peter Thierry, passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:26.

Richard Pacholski, Secretary