

Committee Members

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HARWINTON HOUSE COMMITTEE

Minutes

March 30, 2011

A meeting of the Harwinton House Committee was held on Wednesday, March 30, 2011 in the West Conference Room at the Harwinton Town Hall.

Chairman Roger Plaskett called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. All members listed on the letterhead were in attendance except for Larry Connors and Keith Golnik. Also attending was Bud Wilkinson of the Waterbury Republican.

On a motion by Peter Thierry, seconded by Brian Dunbar, the minutes of the March 16 meeting were approved.

Roger provided copies of correspondence:

- A letter of congratulations from the executive director of the New Canaan Historical Society
- The Harwinton House Bidding Waiver from the Department of Economic and Community Development
- A statement to a New Canaan reporter regarding a summary of where we are at this point

The Appelts were in basic agreement with the agreement between them and the town of Harwinton. They requested that the \$1 sale price statement be replaced by a statement that the house has been “gifted” to the town. The agreement with Glastonbury Restorations has been signed by both parties. Work started yesterday, Tuesday, March 29.

Roger provided a copy of the minutes of the DECD meeting which was held in Hartford on March 22, 2011. He described the meeting as positive and cooperative. He also provided a Gannt chart for the early phases of the project.

Brian Dunbar reported that resident Fred Rondano has agreed to store the house at no charge at his business on Route 4. Roger Plaskett will check whether the town insurance will cover the liability for the house under these circumstances.

Roger Plaskett and Brian Dunbar will work on the budget for the project.

Roger has been working with Greg Farmer on a grant for the feasibility study. A motion by Dick Pacholski, seconded by Nancy Schnyer to submit a pre-application to CT Trust for Historic Preservation for a Historic Preservation Tech Assistance Grant (HPTAG) passed unanimously.

Roger will be doing a presentation on June 14 to the New Canaan Historical Society. He is hoping he can foster some donation interest at that time. The town of Harwinton has set up an account for anyone interested in donating to the Harwinton House project. Checks should be made out to Town of Harwinton, Harwinton House Restoration.

While the Wilcox property site remains a prime candidate for the relocation of the house, Roger Plaskett provided a map of the Bentley Drive area and possible locations for the house. He pointed out that the Bentley Drive area has developed into a town center area with the

addition of the athletic fields along with the library and town hall and proximity to the education complex.

The next committee meeting will be on April 12 at 7:00 PM at the Harwinton Town Hall.

On a motion by Peter Thierry, seconded by Nancy Schnyer, the meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Pacholski, Secretary