

Committee Members

Roger Plaskett

Tom Rotondo

Brian Dunbar

Larry Connors

Dick Pacholski

Peter Thierry

Carole Romano

Nancy Schnyer

Keith Golnik

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HARWINTON HOUSE COMMITTEE

Minutes

APRIL 12, 2011

The Harwinton House Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 in the West Conference Room at the Harwinton Town Hall.

Chairman Roger Plaskett called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. All members listed on the letterhead were present with the exception of Tom Rotondo, Dick Pacholski and Keith Golnik. Also in attendance was Bud Wilkinson of the Waterbury Republican.

On a motion by Peter Thierry, seconded by Carole Romano, the minutes of the March 30, 2011 were approved as amended with the correction of the spelling of Gant for the "Gant chart."

Roger provided copies of correspondence:

- A thank you letter to Fred Rondano. Roger will send tomorrow.

Carole asked if there needed to be a special addendum on the town insurance for trailer storage on Fred's land. Insurance will be checked with Fred Rondano.

Jon Trauskauskas offered his excavating services at the town meeting (possible septic system?) for the project. He will be contacted as to his offer. Mike Criss, another potential donor, will be asked to put in writing, (with a dollar amount), his offer of plumbing for the project.

Phase I- The hope is that there is a need for only one trailer for moving and storing the house. Roger met with the trailer company in Orange and the cost of the forty-five foot trailer is \$2,500. A tractor is needed to bring the trailer to the site and the cost for that is \$125.00. Steve Bielitz thinks that one trailer will be sufficient because the house's 1930's studding will not be needed. His feeling is that the 18th century house sections should fit into one trailer. They are on schedule. He began on March 29th and they are now on the second dumpster.

Brian Dunbar was involved with preparing the DECD budget and he and Roger worked together and mailed it to Sheryl Pearson. As a result of a conference call with her, the only budget that is needed at this time is the budget covered by the STEAP grant. Therefore the DECD timeline has been revised and is cross referenced with the budget. See meeting handout.

In terms of site locations for the feasibility study, Larry Conners handed out a report that he compiled along with a survey map and engineering drawings for the area east of the library. Based upon Larry's findings, the site in question is well within the town's main parcel on which the Town Hall and the library stand. Also the engineered drawing of that area shows that the leaching chambers and reserve area for the septic system currently serving the Town Hall and the library, could also potentially serve the Harwinton House since it is within the classification of an accessory building. There is no issue that would need a meeting with Conservation except to assure them that we would not infringe upon their area. This site appears to be ideal since it is near the "new town center" with the library, the playing fields, the school and the gazebo close by. Maintenance, security and city water also make this spot a prime location.

Peter Thierry brought up the subject of a third piece of property that has been offered and also abuts Bentley Drive. Marion Thierry has offered some of her land as a possibility for Harwinton House. There was some discussion about parking which will need to be taken into consideration.

The next step is to approach the Board of Selectman about the feasibility study. Our problem statement can be defined through the goal for the feasibility study. We will come back to the next meeting with questions that we will need to have answers to such as, location, how will the building be reconstructed? etc. The

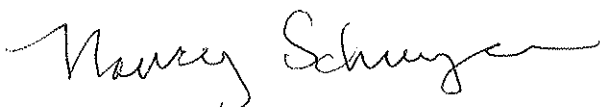
application will lay out the information and a team of consultants will evaluate once the selectmen have signed the document.

Roger handed out for reference, the main floor footprint of the Harwinton House since that will need to be taken into consideration for the feasibility study. The biggest concern is the ground floor. The current footprint will be smaller since we won't be taking the garage and the glassed-in porch. There will need to be a full basement to prevent moisture issues. This will be considered new construction so doors will have to be the standard 36" door for public accessibility. Usage in terms of the feasibility study will be discussed with the Historical Society Board of Directors next Thursday evening.

The next Harwinton House committee meeting will be on April 27, 2011 at 7pm at the Harwinton Town Hall. It has been decided that the committee will meet on a regular basis on the second and the fourth Wednesdays of each month. On the agenda for the next meeting will be for the committee to come up with a feasibility problem statement. Nancy Schnyer will use the pre-application to complete the grant which is due May 1st. Candace Jones-Pacholski has offered to assist with that if needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm with a motion by Peter Thierry and a second by Roger Plaskett.

Respectfully submitted.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Nancy Schnyer". The signature is fluid and extends to the right.

Nancy Schnyer, Acting Secretary