

## **Committee Members**

Roger Plaskett  
Tom Rotondo  
Brian Dunbar  
Larry Connors  
Dick Pacholski  
Peter Thierry  
Carole Romano  
Nancy Schnyer  
Keith Golnik

Greg Farmer - Consultant



## **HARWINTON HOUSE COMMITTEE**

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### **Minutes**

**April 27, 2011**

A meeting of the Harwinton House Committee was held on Wednesday, April 27, 2011 in the West Conference Room at the Harwinton Town Hall.

Chairman Roger Plaskett called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. All members listed on the letterhead were in attendance except for Nancy Schnyer and Keith Golnik. Also attending was Bud Wilkinson of the Waterbury Republican.

On a motion by Peter Thierry, seconded by Carole Romano, the minutes of the April 12 meeting were approved.

Roger distributed a draft of a letter he intends to send to Mike Criss thanking him for offering his services to do plumbing on the Harwinton House and requesting that he provide a "guesstimate" as to what his plumbing services would be worth on the open market. The letter will be sent as drafted.

Roger reported that the disassembly is on target for completion on May 14. An updated schedule was distributed.

Glastonbury Restorations had previously indicated that one trailer would be enough to store the house. They are now suggesting that an additional trailer might be advisable. After some discussion it was decided that Roger Plaskett would discuss the matter further with Glastonbury Restorations with the intent of avoiding the cost of the additional trailer.

Brian Dunbar is attempting to secure a tractor to haul the trailer to Harwinton. Special plates will be required since there is no title for the trailer which was acquired in Maine which is a "no title" state.

The inquiry into town insurance coverage for the stored house has resulted in the addition of a rider to the existing town insurance policy to cover the house.

Roger has been contacted by John Murphy who is preparing a documentary on 18<sup>th</sup> century "lost homes" for NBC. Roger will travel to New Canaan on Friday to be interviewed by Mr. Murphy.

The preparation of an application for a grant to fund a feasibility study of a site for the house will be deferred. The May deadline for completion is ambitious and it is possible we have the necessary local expertise to complete the study. We may also reconsider the grant application for the fall cycle.

Roger Plaskett and Larry Connors each submitted an evaluation matrix to assist in addressing the question of the eventual house location. The criteria consisted of existing parking, water, and septic along with school proximity, safety & security, general convenience, Historical Society convenience, community center growth and maintenance. After considerable discussion of the criteria and the question of individual preparation and merging of assessments at the next meeting, it was decided to take a vote at this meeting. The locations under consideration and the committees' order of preference were:

1. Community Center East of the Library
2. Community Center West of Town Hall
3. Marion Thierry property
4. Wilcox property

The results will be forwarded to the Board of Selectman.

It was suggested that the library administration should be advised of the committee's interest in the area east of the library. Roger will discuss it with the appropriate parties.

The building planning discussion centered on the question of a functioning fireplace and kitchen. The consensus was in favor of a functional approach in order to support reality based demonstrations of life in those times.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 11, at the Harwinton Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 on a motion by Peter Thierry, seconded by Brian Dunbar.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Pacholski, Secretary

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