

## **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**

**October 26, 2011**

A meeting of the Harwinton House Committee was held on Wednesday, October 26, 2011 in the Town Hall assembly room.

Chairman Roger Plaskett called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. All members listed on the letterhead were in attendance except for Keith Golnik.

The minutes of the September 14 meeting were amended and approved on a motion by Larry Connors, seconded by Peter Thierry. The amendment was a correction on page 2 to the preferred location from east of Town Hall to west of Town Hall.

Chairman Roger Plaskett read the October DECD report. He will deliver it to the first selectman for his approval.

The Cost Matrix was the same as last month.

Dick Pacholski reported on the Harwinton Historical Society activities. There was no further action regarding significant fundraising activities. Five of the society members including Dick attended a presentation in Litchfield put on by the Connecticut League of History Organizations

and the Connecticut Humanities Council. They introduced **StEPs-CT--** Connecticut's new integrated program of training, mentoring, and grant funding for smaller Connecticut museums, historical societies, and other cultural organizations. The five volunteered and were assigned to the society committee to apply for entry into the two year program. They hope that admission to the program will provide the guidance to energize and grow the society. Dick also announced that he is a candidate for the office of president of the society. Elections will be held at the November meeting.

Tom Rotondo reported on his visit to the Stanley Whitman House in Farmington which is a sample of a "living museum". His hosts were more than willing to show Tom around and offered a tour for other interested parties. Dick and Roger will organize a field trip with members of the historical society and the house committee.

The committee discussed an incremental approach to the development of the project. The first phase could involve the erection of the shell. Once the shell is up we can consider additional phases depending on fundraising efforts. Some were interested in a community "barn raising" approach to the erection of the shell. Perhaps we can get community volunteers under the direction of a reassembly expert.

The committee then took a vote on the preferred site for the house. All members present voted for the site west of Town Hall except for Larry Connors who preferred the site east of the library.

Roger will prepare a recommendation letter to the Board of Selectman for review at our next meeting on November 9 identifying the committee's preferred location and a phased approach to the reassembly of the house.

Larry Connors is still attempting to recover the documents from the original surveyor's office. He also has not heard anything regarding his request to obtain stones from the original site.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 on a motion by Brian Dunbar, seconded by Larry Connors.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Pacholski, Secretary

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