

Committee Members

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HARWINTON HOUSE COMMITTEE

Minutes

December 14, 2011

A meeting of the Harwinton House Committee was held on Wednesday, December 14, 2011 in the West Conference 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 November 23rd meeting were approved on a motion by Peter Thierry, seconded by Brian Dunbar.

Chairman Roger Plaskett reported on a meeting he and Dick Pacholski attended with First Selectman Mike Criss regarding the future of the Harwinton House Committee as a town committee. Mike announced that since the town did not have access to preservation and restoration grants and the historical society did, it made sense to him to merge the existing Harwinton House town committee into the Harwinton Historical Society structure sooner rather than later. Mike had hoped to but was unable to attend tonight's meeting. One concern raised by the committee was whether the proposed arrangement would satisfy the requirements of the STEAP grant since the STEAP grant was awarded to

the town and not the historical society. Peter Thierry plans to meet with Mike Criss to discuss his concerns regarding the proposed arrangement from a Finance Board standpoint. Also, consultant Greg Farmer emailed committee members to advise them that the town does have access to preservation and restoration grants. Roger Plaskett will contact Greg Farmer to identify grants that are available to the town. In the meantime, the committee's recommendation of a site for the Harwinton House is expected to be on the agenda for the next Board of Selectmen's meeting on Wednesday, December 21.

Chairman Roger read correspondence from DECD regarding the yet to be received November report. He was able to report tonight that the report had been mailed today.

Roger also reported that the implementation of the state of Connecticut Electronic Funds Transfer system is complete and the town is prepared to receive reimbursements from the state.

The spending matrix was unchanged.

The committee plans to operate in a "business as usual" mode until advised differently. Larry Connors will arrange a work session to remove stones from the original site, perhaps on Saturday. Larry also suggested that we move forward with gathering specific information in association with the preparation of an RFQ. Requirements for parking, septic and other peripherals need to be determined. The historical society's expectations should be considered.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 on a motion by Peter Thierry, seconded by Carole Romano.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Pacholski, Secretary

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