

Harwinton House Committee

Minutes of Meeting

April 2, 2013

The regular meeting of the Harwinton House Committee was held in the west meeting room of Town Hall on Tuesday, April 2, 2013.

After establishing a quorum chairman Roger Plaskett called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Committee members present were Roger Plaskett, Peter Thierry, Carole Romano, Nancy Schnyer, Charlie Kirchofer, Tom Rotondo and Larry Connors. Also in attendance were Dennis and Bonnie Andrews representing Harwinton Historical Society, and Michael Sileo and Roy Gilley of Amaya Architects, and Matt Szydlow.

Minutes of the March 5th meeting were approved on a motion by Tom and second by Peter.

Under correspondence, Roger reminded members they have received via email copies of the monthly report, correspondence from Carol Branley from GLPT, the approval letter from HPTAG and Brian's comments about the old porch on the house and the need to reserve space for a porch if we decide to include that. That led us to the issue of how to identify the target year and the advisability to include Laura Mancuso in these deliberations to encourage her support for an eventual grant application.

Matthew Szydlow of Scoville Hill Road discussed his interest in joining the committee to fill the vacancy. After discussion with the members he decided to go forward. Peter recommended and Charlie seconded a motion to recommend him to the Board of Selectmen and ask that he be appointed.

Michael discussed the possibilities under the code for classification of the house as the classification calls out number of stories and square footage. We will have 1900 square feet on the first story including the proposed future addition and 2980 square feet total. He is proceeding on the classification of "business". He will assume not more than ten people on the second floor and will propose the use of the "existing structure" code to Frank Rybak, our building official, with whom he hopes to meet soon.

Roger distributed copies of the Harwinton House Account showing a balance of \$28,220.19.

Bonnie reported no change in the HHS fund raising effort.

Regarding a future Historic Preservation Grant application:

- We will definitely plan to attend the Hartford workshop, date to be announced.
- A year ago, when we had \$25,000, we decided not to pursue a grant until we had a more substantial amount, as it would be a matching grant. We decided that reasoning is still valid.
- We can explore the grant further and do application preparation in the meantime.
- As a preliminary to a meeting with Laura Mancuso, Roger will research and prepare a historical outline of the building.

On motion by Peter and second by Nancy the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Submitted by Larry Connors, Secretary