

Harwinton House Committee

Minutes of Meeting

April 17, 2013

The regular meeting of the Harwinton House Committee was held in the west meeting room of Town Hall on Wednesday, April 17, 2013.

After establishing a quorum chairman Roger Plaskett called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. Committee members present were Roger Plaskett, Peter Thierry, Charlie Kirchofer, Brian Dunbar and Larry Connors. Also in attendance were Dick Pacholski and Candace Jones-Pacholski representing Harwinton Historical Society, and Michael Sileo and Roy Gilley of Amaya Architects.

Minutes of the April 17 meeting were approved on a motion by Peter and second by Brian.

Under correspondence, Roger described the letter from Michael and his having referred it to Steven Bielitz, our outgoing letter to the Board of Selectmen recommending Matt Szydlo for committee membership, the 2013 meeting schedule filed with the Town Clerk, and minutes of the last meeting provided by Amaya Architects.

In the matter of filling the committee vacancy, Matt Szydlo was approved by the Board of S4electmen on April 16.

Glastonbury Restoration has been asked to provide exact dimensions on their drawings. Bielitz will work on that.

Michael met with building Inspector Frank Rybak shortly after our last meeting. Frank was very understanding of our quandary using an old building for public access and supported Michael's proposed building classification and its implications. He won't require code compliance in matters of stair and door sizes if original components dictate.

The dimensions available on the existing plans are not defined as to whether they show framing, sheathing or siding dimensions, so additional input from Bielitz is needed. Some elements, as the coffin door, are a mystery as to their origin, so the building elements in storage will have to be studied. Meantime some assumptions are being made. Michael and Brian will arrange a trailer visit and materials inspection. Roger will try to arrange a meeting between Michael and Glastonbury's engineer.

Michael has studied all the letters and documentation on the building. It locates the ell on the north end of the east side as the house originally sat. After discussion of several other

documentary findings it was motioned by Charlie and seconded by Brian to proceed with the project using 1880 as reconstruction date. The motion passed unanimously.

Roger stated we should now work toward a site plan if possible. Michael will aim in that direction.

Dick has met with Michael Criss and recommended a new committee to focus on fund raising for the house. It appears to have been well received. Roger distributed the account status showing that we will have about \$50,000 including the HPTAG award. Dick will arrange to update the thermometer and obtain some publicity.

The committee was in favor of Roger and Larry talking to Michael Criss regarding volunteer brush clearing at the site.

On motion by Peter and second by Brian the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM.

Submitted by Larry Connors, Secretary

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