

HARWINTON HOUSE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 1, 2013

The regular meeting of the Harwinton House Committee was held in the west meeting room of Town Hall on Tuesday, October 1, 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, Charlie Kirchofer, Matt Szydlo, Brian Dunbar, Tom Rotondo, Carole Romano and Larry Connors. In addition, Rafael Amaya and Michael Sileo represented Amaya Architects

Minutes of the September 3 meeting were approved on a motion by Brian and second by Peter.

Roger mentioned correspondence with DECD regarding the budget extension and the email and letter exchange between HHS and him regarding the current position of some HHS members dealing with their position toward the house restoration. These items of correspondence have been distributed to all committee members.

Concerning the budget extension, Roger will obtain by the next meeting a financial report showing available STEAP funds.

Amaya stated they received a response from Susan Simmons of TAHD who wants a further test reading in the reserve area as well as a couple of minor notes. The test will be done on October 2nd. They are still targeting October 7 for presentation to IWWC. Roger will deliver the information package to Land Use tomorrow. Rafael confirmed we are on the agenda. He recommended the footing drain be delivered to the nearest existing catch basin, to which the committee agreed. It is anticipated Roger, Rafael, Michael and the engineer will attend the meeting. It was pointed out the drawing to be presented is a T2 survey, that is a topographic survey, as opposed to an A2 that would require a survey of the whole town-owned parcel. A committee member observed there should be on file at Town Hall and at TAHD an A2 survey from previous projects at the Town Hall site. Construction documents continue on hold pending appropriate approvals from Land Use boards. They should be done in about one month.

There was no input from HHS save that received earlier by email.

Roger discussed his hope that we can erect the weatherproof shell of the house with existing funds or possibly an assist from the Town and that the balance of the work might be done by volunteers and in-kind donations, avoiding the possible dependence on state grants and the resultant dictates during construction and in future years. We can't really estimate the feasibility of this concept until Amaya completes their work including cost estimates. Charlie worried about "prevailing wage" requirements that would apply but Peter assured the meeting that doesn't apply on projects under \$400,000. Roger will check the Town's insurance cover for volunteers. The committee was supportive of exploring this idea when costs are better defined.

On motion by Peter and second by Brian the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Submitted by Larry Connors, Secretary

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