

**Harwinton House Committee  
Minutes of Meeting  
January 8, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Harwinton House Committee was held in the west meeting room of Town Hall on Wednesday, January 8, 2014.

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, Tom Rotondo, Brian Dunbar, Carole Romano, Nancy Schnyer and Larry Connors. Also present were Ellie Woike, Bonnie and Dennis Andrews representing Harwinton Historical Society, as well as Michael Sileo and Roy Gilley of Amaya Architects.

Minutes of the December 18 meeting were found in error and are hereby corrected to show that the motion to adjourn was made by Charlie and seconded by Brian. With that correction the minutes were approved on a motion by Charlie and second by Brian.

There were no significant items of correspondence save Roger's submission of the monthly report and the email we all received regarding our new contact at DECD, Richard Jones, who replaces Sheryl Pearson in that role.

Michael has delivered the mylar to Land Use. It will be filed when signed as required. The submittal fee has been waived.

Michael distributed copies of his estimate of construction costs, showing site work at \$176,250 and building at \$339,000. He relied heavily on costs published by R.S. Means, who suggest a current cost of \$150 per square foot. Michael's item by item estimate for the 2180 square feet comes to \$155 per square foot. These figures include overhead and profit for a general contractor as well as a 10% contingency, but do not contain "prevailing wage" costs. He eliminated a retaining wall in front of the house that would have cost \$15,000 to \$20,000.

Michael estimated \$4,400 for full survey and layout work but Rafael has separately found a price of \$1,200 to stake out the location of all improvements. The total estimated cost going forward is \$515,250.

Michael will continue working on a construction set of drawings and specifications, much of which will be established jointly with our committee.

We deferred discussion of planning for marking the site ourselves until next meeting.

Michael was asked to do a separate subset of estimated costs to get us only a weather tight shell.

Concerning the suggestion from the Town's insurer that we obtain waivers from all onsite volunteers, Peter had a discussion with Michael Criss. Waivers have not been required on other Town projects. It doesn't appear to be a problem, so we will leave the suggestion alone.

Harwinton Historical Society had nothing to report.

On motion by Peter and second by Brian the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Submitted by Larry Connors, Secretary

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