

Harwinton House Committee

Minutes of Meeting

May 7, 2013

The regular meeting of the Harwinton House Committee was held in the Selectmen's meeting room of Town Hall on Tuesday, May 7, 2013.

After establishing a quorum chairman Roger Plaskett called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. Committee members present were Roger Plaskett, Peter Thierry, Charlie Kirchofer, Tom Rotondo, Nancy Schnyer, Matt Szydlo and Larry Connors. Also in attendance was Dick Pacholski representing Harwinton Historical Society.

Minutes of the April 17 meeting were amended to correct the date of the previous meeting and approved with that correction on a motion by Peter and second by Charlie.

Under correspondence, Roger mentioned the email notes from Amaya describing their visit to the trailers. Questions remain as to the presence of the white painted paneling. It's probably there but Charlie and Larry, who attended the trailer visit, don't remember seeing it. Correspondence from Steven Bielitz of Glastonbury Restoration states that their field notes do not reflect exactly what they found in dismantling the house, but rather their belief as to what the house looked like when originally built, such as window placement.

On motion by Tom and second by Nancy it was voted to approve payment of the Amaya Architects invoice for \$7,000.

As to finances, we did receive \$10,900 from GLPT and \$5,450 from HPTAG. Dick has updated the thermometer.

Amaya Architects wants to speak to Laura Mancuso to see if the planned reorientation of the house to front in an easterly direction is acceptable. The committee does not feel we are ready to enter discussions with her but suggested that Roy Gilley rely on his relationship with her to approach the subject informally.

Regarding the possibility of a separate committee to pursue funding for the project, Dick has presented a list of five names to Michael Criss but has not heard anything further. Joan Kirchner and her friend have suggested a town dance as a fundraiser. Mike Criss pointed out to Roger that efforts at running a dance in the past have not been successful.

The committee continues to be uncomfortable not knowing what the total cost of our project is likely to be, beyond our own early guesses. We do not yet know when Amaya will deliver that information. Roger will ask Rafael for his deliverables for our next meeting, which will be May 22nd.

Roger asked Larry to contact Bristol Water Company to see if they have any photos of the house before it was moved.

Larry expects to spend a few hours clearing brush from the planned site next week.

On motion by Peter and second by Tom the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Submitted by Larry Connors, Secretary