

HARWINTON HISTORIC DISTRICT & HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING

Tuesday, January 17, 2012 – 7:00 pm

Present: Jennifer Grady, Greg Marshall, Roger Plaskett, Carole Romano

Absent: Peter Brazaitis, Bree Gurin

Jennifer Grady seated as regular. With a quorum established, the meeting was opened at 7:09 pm by Chairman Carole Romano.

MINUTES

Minutes of the December 2011 meeting were approved as submitted.

NEW BUSINESS

- No applications for certificate of appropriateness have been received this month.
- Carole requested that a copy of the handbook be sent to the new owner of 40 Harmony Hill Road.
- Jennifer Grady regretfully reported that she would not be able to seek re-appointment when her term as a regular member expires June 30, 2012.

REVIEW DRAFT OF NEW ZONING REGULATIONS

A letter has been received from the Zoning Commission inviting us to attend their January 23, 2012 meeting in which they will discuss amendments to their sign regulations. They have included "Historical District Signs" in their definition of signs requiring application approval. They have asked for our input. A copy of the proposed amendments was included and after discussion, members agreed that the regulations were appropriate and well defined. Further, the Commission is pleased to be a part of it and will attend the meeting at 7:00 pm.

BUDGET REQUEST FOR 2012-2013

First Selectman Michael Criss has requested our budget for 2012-2013 reflect a 2% to 5% decrease from last year's budget. With that in mind, members approved the following budget request be submitted, which is \$400 lower than last year's budget (a 19% decrease).

CLERK	\$500.00
LEGAL EXPENSES	\$375.00
SCHOOL	\$100.00
PRINTING	\$400.00
PUBLICATIONS	\$125.00
SIGNS	\$600.00

TOTAL REQUEST: \$1,700.00

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“HARWINTON HOUSE”

Roger updated the Commission.

SIGNS

Tabled.

WEBSITE

Roger reported 1,222 hits on the www.harwintonhistory.com website this month. Three new stories were added.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Commission clerk Joann Hohensee submitted for approval a voucher for 8 hours for December 2011 and January 2012. Approved.
- The Commission will have openings for 3 alternate members as of June 30th. It was suggested that a “recruitment letter” be sent to the homeowners in the Harmony Hill Road district seeking their representation on the Commission.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm. The next regular scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joann Hohensee, Clerk
Historic District & Historic Properties Commission

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ON *1-25-12* AT *10:30 AM*
ATTEST: PATRICIA K. WILLIAMSEN, TOWN CLERK