

HARWINTON HISTORIC DISTRICT & HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING

Tuesday, April 17, 2012 – 7:00 pm

Present: Peter Brazaitis IV, Bree Gurin, Greg Marshall, Roger Plaskett, Carole Romano.

Absent: Jennifer Grady, Brian Nedley,

With a quorum established, the meeting was opened at 7:05 pm by Chairman Carole Romano.

MINUTES

Minutes of the February 21st meeting, and the March 20th special meeting/public hearing were approved as submitted. The regular meeting scheduled in March had been canceled.

NEW BUSINESS

Several applications have been received this month for Certificate of Appropriateness.

1. **85 Harmony Hill Road.** Joanne Cyr has submitted Application #74 for garage siding, and Application #75 for window replacement on the house. Both included photos and informational sheets on the window products. Work will consist of replacing all windows with the same style, replacing window stops, and caulking. Following review and discussion, members agreed that this was normal maintenance work and would not require anything further. Ms. Cyr would like to come to the May meeting to discuss her restoration plans. Applications placed on file.
2. **125 Burlington Road.** L.M. Legowski and H.A. Strickland submitted Application #73 to remove and replace eight window units on their barn residence. Six windows on the west side, one on the north side and one on the south. These energy efficient windows will be same size and style reproductions. Diagrams and photos accompanied the application. After review and discussion, it was agreed that this was normal maintenance work. Application will be placed on file. Carole will email them of the Commissions ruling regarding "Routine Maintenance" and that no approval is required.

90 HARMONY HILL ROAD

Bree read the letter dated February 13, 2012 from First Selectman Michael Criss to Roger regarding this issue. We have heard nothing further as of this date, and will send a note to Mike requesting an update on the proposed blight ordinance.

HARWINTON HOUSE

Roger reported the Harwinton House committee is trying to define time lines in order to utilize the grant. Carole asked if this could be a future historic property?

SIGN UPDATE

The sign at the intersection of Routes 4 and 118 is down. Roger reported a town resident has contacted him and graciously volunteered to repair the sign. Roger gave his OK. Our goal is to have all signs in place by Memorial Day.

WEBSITE

Roger reported 590 hits on www.harwintonhistory.com. This is down a bit from previous months. Carole praised him on how valuable the website has proven to be in passing along Historic District information to people, both within and outside the district, who have contacted her.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. A question arose concerning the driveway for the Neag home being constructed on Lot 15, Harmony Hill Road. The plans have changed from a straight driveway to a circular one. It was agreed that a driveway is “hardscape”, and part of the overall landscape of the property and does not fall under HDC jurisdiction.
2. Handbook inventory of the 2nd edition is very low. Reviewing the monthly budget printout, Carole noted there is money available to print out more handbooks. She will call Oddo Printers and see if a run of 50 books is possible.
3. Joann Hohensee has submitted a voucher for 8.5 hours for February, March and April.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm. The next regular scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joann Hohensee, Clerk
Historic District & Historic Properties Commission

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