

# **HARWINTON HISTORIC DISTRICT & HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION**

## **MINUTES OF MEETING**

**Tuesday, August 21, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Carole Romano, Peter Brazaitis IV, Roger Plaskett, Greg Marshall

**Absent:** Bree Gurin, Brian Nedley

**Also in attendance:** Joann Cyr, Orrie Simko.

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

### **MINUTES**

Minutes of the July 2012 meeting were approved as submitted with one minor correction. The closing sentence should read *Tuesday, August 21, 2012*.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

a) Election of Officers. Roger Plaskett made a motion that the present slate of officers be reappointed for 2012-2013. Seconded by Greg Marshall. All in favor.

**CHAIRMAN – Carole Romano**

**VICE CHAIRMAN – Peter Brazaitis IV**

**SECRETARY – Bree Gurin**

b) Membership. Regular member Peter Brazaitis' term has expired as of June 30<sup>th</sup>. He has agreed to serve another 5-year term, ending in June 2017. Town clerk will be notified.

c) Joann Cyr will be sworn in as an Alternate sometime this week.

### **BLIGHT ORDINANCE UPDATE**

Members discussed the situation at 90 Harmony Hill Road and correspondence was read from Atty. Michael Rybak. Although the Commission cannot legally address the issue of the condition of the house, it can and intends to address the abandoned vehicles on the property, under Town Ordinance #68 which prohibits unregistered, inoperable, "junked" vehicles to be openly stored on private property. Roger made a motion that "an informational packet be put together and addressed to the First Selectman stating the Commission's desire to pursue the abandoned vehicle condition at 90 Harmony Hill Road." Seconded by Peter Brazaitis. All in favor. This informational packet will contain a cover letter, a copy of Ordinance #68, photos, and relevant correspondence.

### **WEBSITE UPDATE**

Roger reported 1,328 hits this month on [harwintonhistory.com](http://harwintonhistory.com). Carole complimented him on the value of the website as a "go to" source for the Commission's rules and regulations.

**PUBLIC INPUT – None.**

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

a) Carole introduced Mr. Orrie Simko of 75 North Road. Orrie would like to join the Commission and spoke about his interest in local history. Currently there is an opening for an alternate. Roger made a motion that he be appointed to fill the vacancy. Seconded by Greg Marshall. The clerk will submit his name to the selectmen for consideration.

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b) Carole made a suggestion that the Commission contact other historic districts to try to build relationships with those similar to ours for a sharing of ideas and procedures. Peter will compile a list and report at the next meeting.

c) Carole reported that commission clerk Joann Hohensee has expressed a desire to resign. Joann would like to recommend Robin Peveri of Wildcat Hill Road as her replacement. She will submit her formal resignation by the next meeting.

d) Clerk Joann Hohensee submitted a voucher for July & August 2012 for the amount of 4 hours. Approved.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m. The next regular scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 18, 2012 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joann Hohensee", followed by a long horizontal flourish line.

Joann Hohensee, Clerk  
Historic District & Historic Properties Commission