Harwinton Historic District and Historic Properties Commission

Minutes for Tuesday, March 19, 2019

Present: Power Booth, Peter Brazaitis, Bree Gurin, Joann Hohensee, Greg Marshall, Carole Romano.

With a quorum established, meeting was opened at 7:00 PM by Chairman Romano. Minutes of January 15, 2019 were approved as submitted.

New Business

Carole received an email inquiry from a North Road resident (not in the District) about the current vacancies on the Commission. Carole explained that the Commission needs two Alternates living within the District. No further communication has been received at this time.

Budget

The latest budget printout was reviewed.

Signs and Hardware

Discussion on this topic consisted of the replacement of two signs, wood versus foamboard, hardware, and how to minimize expense. Current signs measure 24 inches by 36 inches and are 2 inches thick. Motion was made by Bree Gurin "to get estimates from sign and hardware vendors for 2 signs," one wood and one foamboard. One sign would be purchased with funds from the 2018-2019 budget and the second from the 2019-2020 budget." Seconded by Greg Marshall. All in favor. The sign on Route 4 by the fire department and the sign on Route 118 by the conservation area need to be replaced. Our goal will be to get at least one sign replaced by Memorial Day.

Other Business

Blight concerns on Harmony Hill Road and North Road were discussed. Bree asked if the State has a grant program to help homeowners with historic homes defray the cost of maintenance. Further discussion to be held at the April meeting.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM. The next regular scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joann Hohensee, Secretary Harwinton Historic District and Historic Properties Commission

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