Harwinton Historic District and Historic Properties Commission

Minutes of Meeting Tuesday, June 18, 2019 – 7:00 PM

Present: Peter Brazaitis IV, Power Booth, Bree Gurin, Greg Marshall

Absent: Joann Hohensee, Carole Romano

Quorum established. Meeting was opened at 7:03 PM by Vice Chairman Peter Brazaitis.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the special meeting, held on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 were approved as submitted.

Membership

Joann Hohensee was asked to remain as Secretary for another term by the Commission and she has accepted.

District Sign Update

The new sign has been delivered. Greg Marshall will affix the hardware and replace one of the damaged signs with the new one.

New Business

Roger Plaskett, Town Historian, applied for a COA for a sign that will hang at the entrance to South Cemetery and identify the site. The sign matches the design and color of the District signs and the Commission has decided that the sign is appropriate under our guidelines. The Commission feels the sign is an important addition to help people locate this historical cemetery either to visit or do genealogical research. The Commission approved the COA after waiving the public hearing since the sign will be placed on Town-owned property.

Greg Marshall called our attention to the house at 10 North Road. The owner has installed a fence, visible from the road, without coming before the Commission. Bree Gurin suggested writing a letter to the homeowner to inform them that they must apply for a COA before making any changes to the house that are visible from a public way. Bree and the other Commission members present agreed to discuss this issue with Chairman Romano before taking any action.

Power Booth stated that there's an abandoned house on Bull Road with missing windows and doors and that there are glass shards strewn about. We suggested he report this to the Town since such conditions pose a danger to nearby residents and their children.

With no further issues to address, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bree Durin

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