

## **Harwinton House Committee**

### **Minutes of Regular Meeting**

**December 4, 2012**

A regular meeting of the Harwinton House Committee was held in the west meeting room of Town Hall on Tuesday, December 4, 2012.

After establishing a quorum chairman Roger Plaskett called the meeting to order at 6:58 PM. Present were Roger Plaskett, Charlie Kirchofer, Tom Rotondo, Carole Romano, Brian Dunbar, Nancy Schnyer, Tom Schoenemann and Larry Connors. Also in attendance was Dick Pacholski representing Harwinton Historical Society.

Minutes of the November 20th meeting were approved on a motion by Brian and second by Carole.

The recommendation to the Board of Selectmen based on our last meeting was sent on November 26. Despite early signals that the Selectmen would confirm our recommendation, the Board has decided to interview our two leading vote-getters before making their decision. It is hoped this will be done at a special Board meeting in the very near future.

A letter has been sent to Greg Oneglia from Roger as Town Historian appealing for assistance with our project.

The November monthly report has been submitted.

There have been no replies to the letters sent earlier to families of the previous owners of the house. We have, however, received numerous highly supportive and helpful emails from the Greater Litchfield Preservation Trust.

Our pre-application for a matching grant from Connecticut Trust was sent to Greg Farmer on November 12. His feedback was positive but we have no confirmation to date that we have officially submitted. As the deadline is December 15 Roger will follow up with Greg.

Dick Pacholski reported Harwinton Historical Society has received about \$4,000 from its recent mailer.

Roger introduced the need, in his view, for a vision of our finished project. Discussion ensued over whether such vision should be formed without budgetary boundaries or should be driven by budgetary limits. Dick Pacholski stated HHS has never undertaken sole responsibility for raising necessary funds but has committed to maintaining the building and is attempting to raise funds for construction. Tom Rotondo reminded that our commitment early on was to avoid using local

taxpayer money. After discussing how to merge the needs and desires of HHS, the Town and us as a committee, consensus was reached that we should focus now on rebuilding the house on the existing footprint with expectations of the architect to identify any modification that would be required to meet all public building codes. We would ask him to be sensitive to future expansion regarding where the house is placed within the property boundaries. Roger asked Dick to have the HHS identify their desires and be prepared to bring them to us for comparison at an upcoming meeting.

Roger made a motion to have a joint meeting with HHS at our next scheduled meeting on December 19 to learn their ideas for the house. Tom Schoenemann seconded and the motion was approved. Dick is to inform his HHS colleagues.

On motion by Nancy and second by Carole the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Submitted by Larry Connors, Secretary

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