

Committee Members

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HARWINTON HOUSE COMMITTEE

Minutes

June 22, 2011

A meeting of the Harwinton House Committee was held on Wednesday, June 22, 2011 in the West Conference Room at the Harwinton Town Hall.

Roger Plaskett called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. All members listed on the letterhead were in attendance except for Carole Romano, Nancy Schnyer, and Keith Golnik.

A motion by Peter Thierry, seconded by Larry Connors, to approve the minutes of the June 8 meeting passed.

Chairman Roger Plaskett read the following correspondence:

- A thank you to the Appeltes for their donation of the house,
- A request to the Bristol Water Company for material from the original house site to be used symbolically in the reconstructed house,
- A letter from the Library Board regarding their concern over the possible relocation of the house to the east of the library,
- A letter from the DECD requesting the status of activities.

At their June 15 meeting the Board of Selectmen approved the committee's recommendation to proceed with a feasibility study on the town property east of the library and the town property west of Town Hall.

Roger Plaskett reported that his presentation in New Canaan on June 12 went well but attendance (18 people) was down a bit due to a conflicting meeting in town.

Brian Dunbar reported that arrangements for the tire repair on the trailer have been made. There is also a leak in the trailer to be addressed.

Roger Plaskett presented the current cost matrix and reported that he and Town Treasurer Ellie Woike are in sync regarding the list of expenditures to date. The list has been submitted to DECD.

Roger also reported that additional drawings of the house to be used in the RFQ for the reassembly phase of the project have been received with still more to follow. Glastonbury Restoration has also expressed a willingness to advise and support during future phases of the project. A final set of drawings from the disassembly phase will be provided to DECD.

Roger will approach the Harwinton Historical Society to suggest that the society make a request to the Chilton Foundation for financial assistance in support of the reassembly of the house. It is likely that the foundation will only deal with a 501© organization which the society is. Randall Chilton was an enthusiastic previous owner of the Harwinton House whose interest in the history of the house led to Roger's extensive research on the subject. Randall's mother and brother are the driving forces behind the Chilton Foundation.

The committee discussed approaches for the development of the feasibility study, the rebuild plans, and the RFQ development with an emphasis on local talent who may have the experience and willingness to volunteer their services to the cause. Roger will discuss options and approaches with our consultant Greg Farmer from the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation.

On a motion by Peter Thierry, seconded by Larry Connors, the meeting adjourned at 7:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Pacholski, Secretary

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