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HARWINTON HOUSE COMMITTEE

Minutes

March 14, 2012

A meeting of the Harwinton House Committee was held on Wednesday, March 14, 2012 in the east conference room.

Chairman Roger Plaskett called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. All members listed on the letterhead were in attendance except for Nancy Schnyer and Keith Golnik. First selectman Mike Criss and Craig Chasse were also in attendance.

The minutes of the February 22 meeting were approved on a motion by Peter Thierry, seconded by Brian Dunbar.

Chairman Roger Plaskett summarized several email communications between him and DECD regarding the budget revisions along with a request for additional information regarding the Stansfield Environmental Services agreement. Dick Pacholski read correspondence between him and the Timber Framing Guild.

Expenditure reimbursements from the STEAP grant are on hold pending the budget revisions.

There is no change to the spending matrix since our last meeting.

Dick Pacholski reported on the fundraising activities of the Harwinton Historical Society. The emphasis will be on attracting major fundraisers. Work on a letter of solicitation is ongoing. The society will be organizing support activities from the school district, library and Economic Development Committee. Plans for a major fundraising roll out event are underway with the expectation that consistent fundraising and promotion events will follow. The society is also discussing major display options which could be used at parades and programs along with a "thermometer" device to measure progress toward the fundraising goal. A wooden house replica and oversized posters and banners are being discussed.

Dick has received a revised letter of intent from first selectman Mike Criss. Mike has asked Dick to hold distribution of the letter until he has had a chance to present it to the Board of Selectman at their next meeting on Tuesday, March 20.

Dick also reported on his review of the RFP with Mike Criss. Mike had a couple of recommendations which Larry Connors will incorporate. When the draft is revised it will be presented to Mike Criss and he in turn will pass it on to Town Attorney Mike Rybak for his review. Upon final review the document will be published in the Waterbury paper along with a deadline for application and a bid opening date and time.

Craig Chasse presented a schematic site plan for the house. The group questioned and discussed the plan and various options with Craig. Chairman Plaskett thanked Craig for the site plan for which there was no charge.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 on a motion by Larry Connors, seconded by Peter Thierry.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Pacholski, Secretary