

Harwinton House Committee

Minutes of Meeting

July 2, 2012

The regular meeting of the Harwinton House Committee was held in the west meeting room of Town Hall on Monday, July 2nd, 2012.

After establishing a quorum chairman Roger Plaskett called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. Present were Roger Plaskett, Peter Thierry, Carole Romano, Brian Dunbar, Tom Rotondo and Larry Connors. Also in attendance were Candace Jones-Pacholski, Bonnie Andrews, Dick Pacholski and Dennis Andrews, all representing Harwinton Historical Society.

Minutes of the June 4th meeting were approved on a motion by Carole and second by Peter. Larry was appointed scribe for the meeting.

Candace Jones-Pacholski distributed her notes and delivered a presentation about a DECD workshop she attended regarding DECD grants and grant applications. She provided information about the grant qualifications and requirements as well as pros and cons that would accompany any such grant. Of particular note is the Preservation Restriction that would be recorded on the property for the term of the grant (ten years or more) requiring DECD permission and approval for any work proposed on the property.

Following the presentation Roger commended Candace for her thorough work and expressed appreciation from the committee to her. The committee expressed concerns over the complexity for a small amount, as this is a matching grant, over the lockout period of five years if we were to obtain a grant, and over the experience to date dealing with DECD if the slightest modification is needed. It was generally felt an application at this time might not be in our interest as it could only gain us a small amount, not enough to accomplish our whole project or even close to it. Candace will continue to develop her DECD relationship and more facts. Roger will speak to Dr. Belantoni about DECD past administration of similar grants if changes are needed. It was agreed to defer a final decision concerning whether we should apply at this time until our next meeting.

We have fielded 6 or 7 questions from potential bidders regarding our site plan RFP. One proposal has been received. Incorrect expression of the return date on the RFP has required that bidding be open until Thursday, July 5, 2012.

There has been no DECD reimbursement yet. Roger will do more work on the forms next week.

There have been no new expenditures.

Dick Pacholski reaffirmed HHS commitment of \$25,000 in funding. An August 10th 10AM presentation ceremony is planned.

The committee and the HHS representatives discussed the house plans, the desire for a large meeting room and possible use of the basement. Nothing definitive was decided.

Our next regular meeting will be on Monday, July 16. After that we will hold meetings on the first Tuesday and 3rd Wednesday of each month. These meetings will require notification to the Town Clerk as they are different than our published schedule at the beginning of the year.

Pursuant to a motion by Carole and second by Brian the meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM.

Submitted by Larry Connors, Acting Scribe

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "L. M. Connors". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.