

Harwinton House Committee

Minutes of Meeting

March 13, 2014

The regular meeting of the Harwinton House Committee was held in the west meeting room of Town Hall on Thursday, March 13, 2014.

After establishing a quorum chairman Roger Plaskett called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Committee members present were Roger Plaskett, Charlie Kirchofer, Tom Rotondo, Nancy Schnyer, Carole Romano, Brian Dunbar, Matt Szydlo and Larry Connors. Also present was Michael Sileo from Amaya Architects.

Minutes of the January 22 meeting were accepted as presented pursuant to motion by Nancy and second by Charlie.

Roger reported the monthly report was timely filed.

There were comments and discussion on an email exchange between Roger and Ellie Woike regarding having the Harwinton Historical Society clarify their current position as to support for the restoration, their role in its completion, and their commitment to its use and maintenance. This was prompted by a well-publicized resignation within HHS. Nancy, on officer with the HHS, acknowledged their need for a definition of their position. Roger surmised if the HHS were to decline to continue its involvement our committee should probably refer the situation to the Board of Selectmen regarding pursuit of a different tenant. We are hopeful HHS will profess its support and under the current leadership bring energy and leadership to fundraising efforts and the expected purpose of the project.

A brief review of the plan utilizing in kind services and donations took place. Tom, Brian, Charlie and Larry will meet to create three smaller divisions of the plans (site and construction) into A) site prep, B) shell only, and C) completion. Roger will create a PowerPoint and will ask the Selectmen to attend a presentation at our April 10th meeting.

Michael commented on our in kind list draft, pointing out his plan already allowed for the use of all existing materials. Roger opined we should rough in the kitchen area and ask HHS to undertake its completion.

Michael asserted we should get CL&P involved early as they might require a transformer based on their evaluation of the site. He commented the roof will need full completion as part of our "shell only" evaluation.

Michael is 75% of the way through his construction drawings. He is planning 12 inch foundation walls with a 4 inch shelf to allow stone veneer for appearance. Assuming 8" X 8" sills there will still be adequate bearing area. He is drawing a furnace, forced warm air heat and

ductwork, allowing utilization of the ductwork for air conditioning. He is using the fake chimney stack as a chase to move air up and back. The furnace will be in the basement and an air handler will be in the attic. His specs include necessary information for bidders to submit.

Larry motioned and Nancy seconded that Michael should proceed using propane as heat source, based on its being cleaner, more efficient and currently less expensive. The motion passed.

Michael will send the site plan in AutoCAD to Roger for our use in laying out the site.

The committee spent some time reviewing drawings and plans

On motion by Brian and second by Matt the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Submitted by Larry Connors, Secretary

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