

## **Harwinton House Committee**

### **Minutes of Meeting**

**June 4, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Harwinton House Committee was held in the west meeting room of Town Hall on Tuesday, June 4, 2013.

After establishing a quorum chairman Roger Plaskett called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. Committee members present were Roger Plaskett, Peter Thierry, Brian Dunbar, Charlie Kirchofer, Tom Rotondo, Nancy Schnyer, Matt Szydlo and Larry Connors. Also in attendance were Dick Pacholski, Candace Jones-Pacholski, Dennis Andrews and Bonnie Andrews representing Harwinton Historical Society. In addition, Rafael Amaya, Michael Sileo and Roy Gilley represented Amaya Architects.

Minutes of the May 7 meeting were approved on a motion by Tom and second by Peter.

The only correspondence reported was the monthly status report, received by members via email.

Rafael reported communications with Glastonbury Restoration continue difficult but some progress has been made, especially in Steven Bielitz's sharing that parts of the house had been altered more than once rendering it impossible to understand the original building completely.

Michael presented his current plans for the house and highlighted a few areas where current code might normally be an issue except for Building Inspector Frank Rybak's earlier assurance that history has dictated building limitations and he will accept that.

Regarding the coming site visit by Laura Mancuso, Roy opined that she'll probably not get into architectural specifics and noted Laura is aware there are some unknowns involved. Rafael thinks she wants to gain a general feel for the project. Michael hopes to come away with some statement of support or approval and identification of any major objections from Laura.

Michael Criss is of the opinion the site visit will not constitute a meeting but it was suggested by Peter and agreed by the committee that we should post it as a special meeting for the purpose of site visit in order to cover all FOI requirements.

Roger reported we have \$70,250 left in the STEAP grant. Beyond STEAP funds but counting the CT Trust commitment we have \$43,040 on hand after having paid the Amaya Architects \$7,000 invoice. We have recently received \$100 from Mimi Findlay of New Canaan and \$100 from Lorraine Lubus in memory of Blanche Plaskett.

Larry has contacted Bristol Water Company to ask if any pictures of the house at its original condition are available from the Company. None were known but an older former employee will be contacted for anything he might know.

Dick reported HSS has received a \$50 matching grant supporting a donation during their recent appeal.

Larry reported Jim Curtis has offered to assist in clearing the lot with his tractor and chipper at the appropriate time.

On motion by Peter and second by Nancy the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Submitted by Larry Connors, Secretary

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