

# **HARWINTON HISTORIC DISTRICT & HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION**

## **MINUTES OF MEETING**

Tuesday, April 19, 2011

**Present:** Peter Brazaitis, Bree Gurin, Greg Marshall, Roger Plaskett

**Absent:** Jennifer Grady, Carole Romano

Peter Brazaitis was seated as a regular member; a quorum was established and the meeting was opened at 7: 08 p.m. by Vice Chairman Greg Marshall.

### **MINUTES**

Minutes for February 15, 2011 meeting were accepted as submitted.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **4 SOUTH ROAD**

Carole Romano received several emails complaining that the new owner of this property cut down pine trees and cleared brush. The emails also inquired as to what the Commission planned to do about this situation. Carole explained that landscaping does not fall under the Commission's jurisdiction and, therefore, the owner has free reign in that regard.

#### **5 SOUTH ROAD**

Due to the fact that the COA issued for this project in early 2010 has expired, there was some concern that a new COA might be required since the project has not yet been completed. However, the Commission members in attendance all agreed that since the project has commenced and is partially completed, no action need be taken with regard to the existing COA.

### **HARWINTON HOUSE**

Roger Plaskett reported that the relocation project, approved by a 71 for, 57 against vote, is moving along well. Approximately 40% of the house has been dismantled and new photos of this process can be viewed at [www.harwintonhistory.com](http://www.harwintonhistory.com). A 45-foot trailer has been purchased for the transportation of the dismantled building and it is anticipated that this segment of the project will be completed by May 14, 2011. Fred Rondano of Harwinton Drilling & Engineering has offered to store the dismantled building at a secure facility at no charge since storage costs are not covered by the grant. The location for the resurrection of the house remains uncertain but there are four excellent possibilities – a location just to the east of the library that already has water and septic facilities in place along with adequate parking; another block of land within the Library/Town Hall complex to the west of the library, both of which would allow Harwinton House to be part of the community center; a 1.7 parcel of land offered by Marion Thierry and the current location of the Wilcox property.

### **PARSONAGE, SOUTH ROAD**

Mike Angelicola, an experienced mason who previously volunteered to repair the stone wall at 33 South Road, began to fix the wall at the Parsonage, gratis. Due to the fact that Mr. Angelicola

acquired paying contract work, he had to temporarily cease his efforts at the Parsonage but promised to resume the project when he is next available. Roger Plaskett has offered to approach Mr. Angelicola to see when that might be.

#### **90 HARMONY HILL ROAD**

Roger Plaskett received an email from the previous owner of this property, Ms. Terri Anderson, indicating that the garage door has collapsed at the property. Ms. Anderson informed Roger that she spoke with the owner, Molly Alexsavich, who claimed that she and her husband were recently at the property and they didn't notice these problems but they will check it out. In addition, Carole Romano informed us that there are more broken windows and no repairs have been made to this dwelling as promised. Roger explained to Ms. Anderson that the Commission has no recourse in this matter and that while a blight ordinance might be of assistance in this situation, to the best of the Commission's knowledge, no such ordinance is yet in the works.

#### **HUNGERFORD MUSEUM**

The Hungerford Museum has been added to the State Register of Historic Properties. The Museum's Board of Directors will now pursue being included in the historic district and in this regard they will be reviewing the required process at their next meeting. It was agreed that this item should be added to our next meeting agenda as well in order to explore how we can assist in this endeavor.

#### **WEBSITE**

There were 1,151 page views in the month of March.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

The Commission still needs one more permanent member and one more alternate. Roger will approach Dave and Jen Kelly and possibly Girvice Archer to determine their interest.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m. The next scheduled regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Bree Gurin, Secretary  
Historic District & Historic Properties Commission