

**SOMERS HISTORIC PROPERTIES BOARD**  
**335 Route 202, Somers, NY 10589**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**November 18, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. The following were in attendance: Town Historian Mickey Oliver, Town Supervisor Mary Beth Murphy, Historical Society President Emil Antonaccio, Architectural Review Board Chairman Ken Bond and Parks and Recreation Board Chairman Jim Papa.

Bill Koegel, Jeff and Mary Parker, and Katie and Ron Weyhrauch were also present.

**MINUTES**

Mr. Papa made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 12, 2010 meeting as submitted. Mr. Antonucci seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**PROPERTIES REPORTS**

**Wright-Reis Homestead**

**Porch Fascia** - There is a fascia under the front porch that has to be repaired. Mr. Antonaccio will do the work. He has already purchased the wood using Somers Historical Society funds.

**Rain Barrel** - Mr. Antonaccio cleaned and put the rain barrel away for the winter.

**Mt. Zion**

There were no updates regarding Mt. Zion.

**Tomahawk Chapel and Cemetery**

Bill Koegel has organized a group of volunteers including Jeff and Mary Parker and Katie and Ron Weyhrauch to clean up the grounds and cemetery area at the Tomahawk Chapel. The Highway Department has picked up some of the debris, and arrangements will be made with the Parks and Recreation Department to continue to do so in the future. Moving forward, Boy Scout Troop 228 has graciously agreed to "adopt" this site for future clean-up and maintenance.

In the spring, arrangements will be made to have the Chapel scrapped and painted, courtesy of Mr. Koegel. He would also like to pay to have the Chapel electrified, so that a fire alarm can be installed. Neighbor Gary Mitchell is planning for a small subdivision and there was discussion about asking him if we could tie into his water line so that water is available at the site. All thanked Mr. Koegel for his generosity.

Mrs. Parker has been doing research about the Cemetery. Her findings to date were shared with the group.

### Elephant Hotel

**Air Conditioning** - The grant modification was received, but we now have to wait for an extension approval. In the meantime, three portable air conditioners were purchased by the Historical Society for the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.

**Courtroom Emergency Exit** - The door has been completed and the railing is a work in progress. A wrought iron railing has been secured, it is in the process of being grinded and painted, and then it will be installed.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Reynolds House** - Councilman Clinchy was able to make arrangements to have the Town Engineering Consultant Joe Barbagallo visit Angle Fly Preserve to determine whether or not a septic system could be installed. It can in fact be installed which enables the Somers Land Trust to move forward to the next step of securing an architect to prepare plans for the rebuild of the Reynolds House. A memo was forwarded to the Architectural Review Board asking for assistance regarding architectural plans and input. Unfortunately at this time, none of the members has enough time to dedicate to this type of project. Supervisor Murphy was also given an update memo.

### NEW BUSINESS

**2011 Meeting Dates** - The meeting dates for 2011 are February 17, May 19, August 18 and November 17. All meetings begin at 4:30 p.m. and are held in the Map Room at the Town House.

**Mitchell Subdivision** - The Historic Properties Board would like to see the site plan and have an opportunity to make comment on the Mitchell Subdivision, as it neighbors the Tomahawk Chapel and Cemetery. Mrs. Schirmer will request this of the Town Planner.

**Gutters** - Mr. Antonaccio gave Barbara Sherry contact information for people who clean gutters. The gutters on the Elephant Hotel and Homestead have to be cleaned over the next month.

**Town Holiday Celebration** - On Sunday, December 5, the Town will hold their annual Holiday Celebration. Festivities will be held at the Town House. The Museum will be open, as well as the Homestead. A shuttle service between the two sites will be available. In the evening, the Historical Society will hold their annual Holiday dinner and the Board members have been invited to attend. Mrs.

Schirmer will email all the details.

**Historical Society Calendar** - Plans are underway for creating the 2011 Calendar of Events for the Historical Society and the website will be redone after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year. All members will receive the calendar when it is completed. Arrangements will be made to include an event at the Tomahawk Chapel and Cemetery.

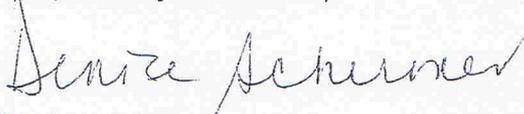
**Koegel Park** - Mr. Koegel has also offered to pave the south side of the roadway in Koegel Park the 1<sup>st</sup> week in December. He has been working with Mr. Ralston on this project.

He is also concerned about the trail map, as it is old and worn and does not include the two of the trails. Supervisor Murphy indicated that the Town can have a map made. Mr. Papa will discuss all this with Mr. Ralston.

A question came up as to how the dog walking trial program was coming along. Mr. Papa indicated that there have been some people who are unleashing their dogs and letting them run. A memo was sent to the Dog Control Officer who has been very helpful. The rules and regulations are posted and it clearly indicates that dogs must be leashed at all times.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 17 at 4:30 p.m. in the Map Room at the Town House.

Respectfully submitted,



Denise Schirmer, Secretary  
Historic Properties Board

cc: Historic Properties Board  
Historical Society  
Town Clerk  
Parks & Recreation Department