

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

MEETING MINUTES

November 19, 2009

Town Historian, Mickey Oliver called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. The following were in attendance: Town Historian Mickey Oliver, Town Curator Terry Ariano, Historical Society President Emil Antonaccio and Architectural Review Board member Ken Bond.

MINUTES

Mr. Antonaccio made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 17, 2009 meeting. Mr. Bond seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Budget Hearing

The budget hearing is this evening at 6:30 p.m. Enough money remains in the budget to cover maintenance cost of the properties, but Mrs. Ariano's position has been cut from five days per week, to three days per week with benefits.

PROPERTIES REPORTS

Wright-Reis Homestead

Ice House Roof - The roof on the ice house has a hole in it and it needs to be replaced. Proposals were received from CSB Woodworking and Tecumseh Woodworks, Inc. The bid was awarded by the Town Board to CSB Woodworking. As soon as the resolution has been completed, the work will begin. Gable repairs will be done as part of the proposal. Mr. Antonaccio will meet with the contractor when the project begins.

Gutters - The gutters on the Homestead will be cleaned by a contractor that the Town hires to clean the Town House gutters, as well as the windows. The carriage barn gutters were cleaned by the Parks and Recreation maintenance staff.

Attic - There are some leaks in the attic of the Homestead. Mr. Antonaccio will mark the spots and monitor them after the next heavy rain.

Porch Facia - There is a facia under the front porch that has to be repaired. Mr. Antonaccio will do the work.

Mt. Zion

Gutters - The Parks and Recreation maintenance staff have cleaned the gutters

on Mt. Zion Church.

Tomahawk Chapel and Cemetery

Windows - All of the broken panes of glass have been replaced, and all of the windows reglazed by Marty Stole. He has also primed over the areas that were caulked, to keep the caulking from drying and falling out. Next summer, he and Mr. Antonaccio will be making the window repairs. At that time, a discussion needs to take place about installing latches on the windows so they are always shut and locked.

Grounds - Gary Mitchell has been mowing the lawn and it looks great. The Boy Scouts will be trimming and clearing the areas around the tombstones after Thanksgiving.

Tulip Tree - The tulip tree was removed, but the large wood was left. Mrs. Ariano left a message for Lincolndale Landscaping for a proposal to chip the wood and deliver it to the Homestead. There is also a large pile of wood chips that have to be spread.

Back Steps - Mr. Antonaccio will purchase wood through the Historical Society to repair the back steps.

Elephant Hotel

Windows - The bid package is in the process of completion. This will be a bonded project. Once the windows are restored, the air conditioning units that are over the windows will have to be moved and placed underneath the windows. This is posing a problem in most of the offices. Expenses for these changes are not included in the bid package.

Elephant Hotel Sign - The sign on the building has been repainted.

Courtroom Emergency Exit - The door has been completed and there are a few steps leading to the ground level. A railing still has to be installed.

Todd Cemetery

Eagle Scout Project - The Eagle Scout project has been completed.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

Textiles Supplies - Mrs. Ariano has run out of textile supplies. She is requesting

\$100 from the Historical Society. Mr. Antonaccio advised her to put her request in writing and give it to him as soon as possible.

Ionization Unit - An ionization unit has been purchase for the Homestead and placed on the main floor in what is the meeting room.

Research Project - Mrs. Oliver shared a report done by a Somers student, Matthew Buck. He had to research a historic site and chose the Tomahawk Chapel. The report was well done.

Visitation - Mrs. Ariano reported that there were eight visitors at the museum earlier in the day.

Use Permit - Mr. Antonaccio and Mr. Ralston met to review an existing historic properties use permit. Since Mt. Zion is the only property that is able to be used, all agreed the use permit should be specific to Mt. Zion. A \$250 deposit will be required, and returned providing there is no damage. In addition, a request is being made for a \$250 donation that will be applied to the Billingsley Fund that was designated for events at Mt. Zion and the Wright-Reis Homestead. A motion was made by Mr. Antonaccio to rewrite the permit for specific use of Mt. Zion, and to collect a \$250 deposit, as well as a \$250 donation for the Billingsley Fund. Mr. Bond seconded the motion. All were in favor. Mrs. Schirmer will retype the permit.

Burial - A request from a resident was made, to at some point in the future be buried in the Mt. Zion Cemetery. An opinion was rendered from the Town Attorney, and it is not permissible.

Somers Lion's Club - The Lion's Club will be replacing the roof on the Reynolds House in Angle Fly Preserve. Their Finance Committee requested a write up on the history of the House. Mrs. Schirmer provided them with the information.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 21 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