

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

MEETING MINUTES

February 18, 2010

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

MINUTES

In the minutes of the November 19, 2009 meeting, under Tomahawk Chapel and Cemetery, the paragraph that starts with Back Steps should be eliminated. Mr. Antonaccio made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 19, 2009 meeting. Mr. Papa seconded the motion. All were in favor.

PROPERTIES REPORTS

Wright-Reis Homestead

Ice House Roof - The roof on the ice house has been replaced and the project has been paid for.

Gutters - The gutters on the Homestead were supposed to be cleaned by a contractor that the Town hires to clean the Town House gutters, as well as the windows. It appears as though this has not been done. Mrs. Schirmer will check with the Supervisor's office.

Windows - Some of the windows on the barn were broken. Mrs. Schirmer will check with the Supervisor's office to see if they have been repaired.

Attic - Evidently there are some leaks in the attic of the Homestead that are caused by heavy driving rains. Mr. Antonaccio has been routinely checking the attic, but to date has not found any leaks.

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

Mt. Zion

Revised Use Permit - The permit to use Mt. Zion has been revised and approved by the Town Board. Copies are available on the Town website, and at the Parks and Recreation Department. A use fee is required, as well as a

damage fee, to be returned if there is no damage. The Parks and Recreation Department will process the permits and turn the fee(s) collected to the Somers Historical Society.

Windows - There were some broken windows at Mt. Zion. Mrs. Schirmer will check with the Supervisor's office to see if they have been repaired.

Signs - Three new signs have been made and installed by the Parks and Recreation Department near the barns and path. In addition, a movable sign was made and placed at the top of the Homestead driveway.

Tomahawk Chapel and Cemetery

Windows - In the summer, Marty Stole and Mr. Antonaccio will be making the window repairs to the Chapel. At that time, a discussion needs to take place about installing latches on the windows so they are always shut and locked.

Grounds - Neighbor Gary Mitchell had been mowing the lawn. Hopefully he will be willing to do so again in the spring. A Boy Scout Troop had been trimming and clearing the areas around the tombstones. Mrs. Schirmer will contact them to see if they can return in the spring.

Tulip Tree - The tulip tree was removed, but the large wood is left. When money is available, a proposal will be solicited to chip the wood and deliver it to the Homestead. There is also a large pile of wood chips that have to be spread. Perhaps that is something the Boy Scouts can do.

Elephant Hotel

Windows - Mr. Antonaccio and Mr. Bond reviewed the specifications. The only recommendation they had is that specifications for the storm windows need to be included. Once this information is provided, it is the recommendation of the Historic Properties Board that the project be put out to bid as soon as possible. A memo will be sent to the Town Board.

Courtroom Emergency Exit - The door has been completed and there are three steps leading to the ground level. As per Town code, a railing has to be installed. A memo will be sent to the Town Board, with a copy to the Town Court.

OLD BUSINESS

2010 Budget - The only funds approved for the 2010 budget for Historic Properties were operating costs for Mt. Zion and the Wright-Reis Homestead.

Reynolds House Roof - Somers Land Trust representatives will be requesting a meeting with Supervisor Murphy to discuss the direction that should be taken for

rehabilitating the Reynolds House.

NEW BUSINESS

Town Board Liaison - Councilman Bolton has been appointed as Town Board liaison to the Historic Properties Board.

Meeting Dates - Since there are very limited funds available for the Historic Properties this year, Mr. Antonaccio made a motion that the Board meet four times per year. The dates for 2010 are February 18, May 20, August 19 and November 18. Mr. Papa seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 20 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