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EMIL ANTONACCIO  
CHAIRMAN



## MEETING MINUTES

**February 21, 2013**

Chair Emil Antonaccio opened the meeting at 4:30 p.m. Somers Historical Society President Emil Antonaccio, Architectural Review Board Member Mark Brown, Town Supervisor Mary Beth Murphy, Parks and Recreation Board Chairman Jim Papa, and Town Historian Doris Jane Smith were present.

Boy Scout Billy Barlow was also present.

**Eagle Scout Project** – Billy Barlow presented his Eagle Scout project to make a cobblestone border around the base of the Old Bet Statue and flagpole. This will include plantings of shrubs. All were pleased with the project proposal. A letter of support and approval is needed by Mrs. Murphy. Mrs. Schirmer will draft a letter and will also be the point person throughout the project.

**Minutes** – A motion was made by Mr. Papa and seconded by Mr. Brown to accept the minutes of the November 15, 2012 meeting as submitted. All were in favor.

### **Mt. Zion Church**

There were no updates this month.

### **Tomahawk Chapel**

**Donation** – Eugene and Pamela Piette of Wheaton, Illinois donated \$50.00 for the care of the Tomahawk Chapel and Cemetery. This is something they do yearly as Mrs. Piette has relatives buried there. A memo will be sent to the Town Board to accept the donation.

### **Wright-Reis Homestead**

**Water Damage** – Paul Gregus painted and repaired the water damage on the main floor of the Homestead.

**Ice House** – Salem Preservation continues to work on the Ice House.

**Hurricane Sandy Damage** – Abcut Tree Service removed the large hemlock that uprooted, along with the stump. The smaller debris will be removed by the Parks and Recreation Department maintenance staff and a smaller tree on the property by the Historical Society.

**Outbuildings Refuse** – Mr. Papa will meet with Parks and Recreation Department staff to walk around the outbuildings leading to Reis Park to see if some of the items that are strewn about can be moved or disposed of in an effort to make the area more aesthetically pleasing.

**Gutters** – The gutters were cleaned by Bob Fullerton. There is a leader that has to be reinstalled, which will be done when the exterior of the Homestead is painted.

**Exterior Pest Removal Application** – JP McHale conducted an exterior pest removal application. Mr. Antonaccio asked about the traps that were set. Mrs. Schirmer will follow up.

**Exterior Homestead Painting** – Mr. Antonaccio will speak to Paul Gregus about securing a price quote to paint the exterior of the Homestead.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

**Water Trough** – Town Historian Mrs. Smith submitted wording for a plaque to be placed by the water trough when it is relocated from Route 202 to Bailey Park.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 16 at 4:30 p.m. in the Map Room at the Town House.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary  
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cc: Town Board  
Town Clerk  
Somers Historical Society