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WESTCHESTER COUNTY, N.Y.

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**MEETING MINUTES**

**May 15, 2014**

Chair Emil Antonaccio opened the meeting at 4:30 p.m. Somers Historical Society President Emil Antonaccio, Town Supervisor Rick Morrissey, Parks and Recreation Board Chairman Jim Papa, Town Historian Doris Jane Smith and resident Architect Ken Bond were present.

**Minutes** – A motion was made by Mr. Papa and seconded by Supervisor Morrissey to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2014 regular meeting. All others were in favor.

**Property Updates:**

**MT. ZION CHURCH**

**Request for Proposal to Paint Exterior** – At their Work Session meeting on May 1, the Town Board authorized the Historic Properties Board to solicit Requests for Proposals to paint the exterior of the Mt. Zion Church pending approval of the project by the Historic Properties Board. A motion was made by Mr. Papa and seconded by Supervisor Morrissey to move ahead with securing RFP's. All were in favor.

Two new latches will be placed on all of the Church windows and the top sash of each will be screwed shut.

**WRIGHT-REIS HOMESTEAD**

**CIA Contract Proposal** – Currently there is no contract in place for yearly fire/intrusion alarm inspections of the Wright-Reis Homestead. Mrs. Schirmer received a proposal

from CIA. A motion was made by Mr. Bond and seconded by Mr. Papa to send a memo to the Town Board to request approval. All were in favor.

**Carriage House Back Wall** – The part-time Town maintenance worker will remove all siding from the rear of the Carriage House and replace to match existing. Reusable existing siding will be salvaged for future use elsewhere. The materials will be paid for out of the budget.

**Window Sills Above Porch** – All window sills above the porch will be sawcut and the front portion of the sill (damaged due to rot) removed. The front portion replacement will be patched with the same wood species and profile. Each will be sealed and painted in its entirety with two coats of paint. Any disturbed roof flashing at the sills will be patched. The new sills will be donated. This work will also be done by the Town part-time maintenance worker.

**Reis Vehicles** – A Town resident is willing to volunteer his time to work on Carolyn Wright-Reis' 1941 Plymouth Nash, but he would like to do so at his own home. The insurance company has been contacted to make these arrangements. There is also a Model T in one of the barns that will be 100 in a couple of years. Plans will be made to work on that car as well at some point in the future.

**Seed Garden** – The Historical Society, Library and St. Luke's Food Pantry are working together on a brand new project to benefit needy families in the Somers community. Seeds will be grown in a dedicated vegetable garden at the Wright-Reis Homestead. Volunteers will till and tend to the garden, as well as harvest vegetables to be donated to St. Luke's Food Pantry. Ultimately there will be four 4' by 8' raised English garden beds surrounded by fencing. They will begin by building one. All materials will be donated.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 21 at 4:30 p.m. in the Map Room at the Town House.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary  
Somers Historic Properties Board

cc: Town Board  
Town Clerk  
Somers Historical Society