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MEETING MINUTES

May 17, 2012

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

Minutes – A motion was made by Mr. Papa and seconded by Mr. Bond to accept the minutes of the February 16, 2012 meeting as submitted. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Wright-Reis Homestead

Summer Kitchen – The Summer Kitchen needs to be taped and painted. Mr. Antonaccio will change the lock on the door next week, and Mr. Stole can begin the project.

Ice House – The floor of the Ice House needs to be removed and the area filled to grade; masonry work needs to be done on the foundation; and the floor replaced. Mr. Antonaccio and Mr. Bond met. Drawings and specifications have been created by Mr. Bond. A request will be made at the Town Board meeting this evening to authorize the Historic Properties Board to secure three proposals to do the work.

Roadway – The roadway needs to be chipped and graded. Mr. Papa will see if the Parks and Recreation maintenance staff can take care of this.

Birdhouse – The birdhouse that was at the Homestead rotted to disrepair and had to be removed. The Heritage Hills Woodworking Club has built a replica. It will be on display for the Historical Society's Annual Meeting this weekend and then it will be installed at the Homestead.

Pest Management – On April 19, JP McHale conducted one of three yearly pest management applications.

Attempted Break-In – Over the weekend, someone attempted to climb in an open window of the Homestead. Fortunately the alarm deterred them from entering. The perpetrator has been apprehended.

Mt. Zion Church

Alarm – The alarm accidentally went off last Saturday. A Society member was present and tried to use the phone in the Church to call the security company and there was no dial tone. Mrs. Schirmer will research further.

Tomahawk Chapel

Installation of Alarm – Mrs. Schirmer will contact CIA Security to get a price quote on installing an alarm in the Chapel.

Elephant Hotel

Old Bet Statue Eagle Scout Project – Mr. Antonaccio and Mrs. Schirmer met with resident Boy Scout Billy Barlow about doing an Eagle Scout project around the Old Bet Statue. He presented his initial plan to create a path from the existing walkway in front of the Elephant Hotel to the Statue. It would continue around the Statue. A plan to landscape around Old Bet was also included. Another meeting should be held before the next time the Board meets in August. The intention is to have the project complete by the end of October.

NEW BUSINESS

Route 202 Water Trough – The area at Bailey Park where the Somers Chamber of Commerce would like to place the water trough from Route 202 has been marked off. There were no objections about the location. A memo will be sent to the Town Board requesting permission to accept the Somers Chamber of Commerce's offer to move the trough from Route 202 to Bailey Park. It will be used to plant flowers.

2013 Budget – A preliminary budget will be prepared and presented at the August meeting. In addition, Mrs. Schirmer will prepare a five year plan charting maintenance that needs to be done at each of the Historic Properties.

April 25, 2012 Email Received - The Supervisor received an email dated April 25,

2012 regarding a resident's request to make a clarification to the "written report" of completed and planned maintenance work at the Tomahawk Chapel that was entered into the minutes of the May 19, 2011 Historic Properties Board meeting. A motion was made by Mrs. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Papa to acknowledge receipt of the email and attached a copy of it to these meeting minutes. All were in favor.

Town Historian Report

Town Historian Mrs. Smith reported that she and Mrs. Schirmer will be presenting a program on the one-room schoolhouses in Somers at the Middle School Living History Day on May 24.

Somers Historical Society Report

The Society's Annual Meeting is on Sunday, May 20 at 2:30 p.m. in Mt. Zion Church. The guest speaker will be George Mahoney, author of "***Somers Confederates: James Wright and His Nephews***".

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 16 at 4:30 p.m. in the Map Room at the Town House.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary
Somers Historic Properties Board

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