

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

MEETING MINUTES

May 20, 2010

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

MINUTES

Mr. Papa made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 17, 2010 special meeting. Mr. Antonaccio seconded the motion. All were in favor.

PROPERTIES REPORTS

Wright-Reis Homestead

Parking Lot Gate - One of the posts on the parking lot gate has to be replaced. The Historical Society will pay for the materials and the Parks and Recreation Department will install the new post.

Town Clean Up Day - The property and the corner of the parking lot were cleaned up on Town Clean Up Day. The herb garden was planted and the outside faucet was fixed and a hanger for the hose was installed.

Room Signs - An etched brass plaque was made and hung outside the door of the room in the Homestead identifying that it is used by the Historical Society for their meetings. Mr. Antonaccio would like to eventually have plaques made for all the rooms in the Homestead, as well as the Elephant Hotel referencing what the rooms were once used for. All agreed that was a good idea.

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.

Gutters - The Supervisor's office reported via Mrs. Schirmer that the gutters on the Homestead were cleaned by Bob Fullerton.

Windows - Marty Stole has repaired the broken windows at the Homestead.

Spreading of Wood Chips - There are wood chips at the Homestead that have to be spread. Mrs. Schirmer will speak to the Boy Scouts to see if that is a

project they can take on.

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 - The broken windows at Mt. Zion have been repaired by Marty Stole.

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 has been mowing the lawn. Mrs. Schirmer will speak to the Boy Scouts about trimming and clearing the areas around the tombstones.

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.

Elephant Hotel

Windows - The window restoration project is currently in process. PESH representatives did some air evaluations today and all went well. Two window sashes from the 3rd floor weren't able to be located. Specs will be obtained from the mill and approved by the architect so that two new ones can be made. There has been a question regarding payment to the builders. Supervisor Murphy will speak to Barbara Sherry about this issue.

Air Conditioning - The Town Board approved the project contingent upon getting grant modification. Supervisor Murphy should have an answer in a few weeks.

Courtroom Emergency Exit - The door has been completed, but a railing is needed. The Building Inspector has been working with Marty Stole to make a railing.

OLD BUSINESS

Reynolds House - Somers Land Trust representatives Michael Barnhart and Bob Mac Gregor met with the Town Board and Parks and Recreation Board to discuss the proposal to refurbish the Reynolds House. The idea was well received, but money is needed. It was suggested that Recreation Fees be used. The Parks and Recreation Board is only willing to consider this option if the total cost of the project is around \$100,000.

Mr. Papa suggested that security camera systems be researched, for not only Angle Fly Preserve, but Reis Park and the Wright-Reis Homestead.

NEW BUSINESS

Historical Society Annual Meeting - The Historical Society will hold their Annual Meeting at the Mt. Zion Church on Sunday, May 23 at 2:00 p.m. Guest speakers are the Kennedy Green Team, who just recently renovated Robert Kennedy's house in Bedford to be totally energy efficient.

Funding Opportunities - Due to budget cuts, only necessary maintenance is being done to the Historic Properties buildings. Other options of funding should be considered. Mr. Antonaccio suggested that a notice be included with the tax bills, offering the residents an opportunity to donate an extra \$1.00 for this cause. Supervisor Murphy will speak to the Town Attorney about this option.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 12 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