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MEETING MINUTES

August 15, 2013

Chair Emil Antonaccio opened the meeting at 4:35 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 resident Architect Ken Bond were present.

Minutes – A motion was made by Mr. Papa and seconded by Supervisor Murphy to accept the minutes of the February 21, 2013 meeting as submitted. All were in favor.

Property Updates:

Elephant Hotel

Air Conditioner – The air conditioner on the 3rd floor had to be repaired for the second time. The first was a malfunction due to an equipment defect, and the second, as a result of the thermostat being raised higher than 72 degrees. It has been fixed and all necessary parties informed that the thermostat should not be raised under any circumstances. In addition, Marty Stole undercut all the doors so that they can now be shut and locked, while not impacting the operation of the air conditioner.

Eagle Scout Project – Billy Barlow has completed his Eagle Scout project of placing a cobblestone border around the base of the Old Bet Statue and flagpole. It included the plantings of shrubs as well.

3rd Floor Landing – New carpeting was installed in the hallways of the Elephant Hotel. It ended at the top of the stairs leading to the 3rd floor. The landing is now bare wood.

Some repairs are needed and it has to be refinished. Supervisor Murphy approved having Marty Stole do this work.

Mt. Zion Church

Pest Management – The Town Board approved a yearly contract in the amount of \$425 with JP McHale Pest Management, Inc. to deal with the mice issue in the Mt. Zion Church.

Tomahawk Chapel

Squatter – It was reported by the neighbor that a squatter was living in the corner of the property in early May. The police were called and the gentleman left without incident.

Wright-Reis Homestead

Exterior Painting of the Homestead and Summer Kitchen – Paul's Painting was awarded the contract to scrape and paint the exterior of the Homestead and Summer Kitchen at cost of \$15,550. The project has started and should take about a month to complete.

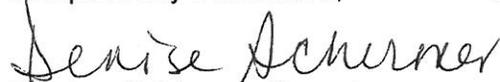
Ice House – Salem Preservation began working on the Ice House renovation project last fall, but got delayed due to Hurricane Sandy and the winter. Work resumed in the spring and it was determined that some additional work had to be completed at a material cost of \$900.00. There is no additional cost for labor. A motion was made by Supervisor Murphy and seconded by Mr. Papa to approve this additional expenditure. All were in favor.

Miscellaneous:

2014 Budget – The proposed 2014 Budget, as well as a 5 Year Capital and Maintenance Projects plan for the Homestead and Outbuildings, Mt. Zion Church, and Tomahawk Chapel/Cemetery was presented. A motion was made by Mr. Papa to approve the proposed 2014 Budget and 5 Year Capital and Maintenance Projects plan as submitted. It was seconded by Supervisor Murphy. All were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 21 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
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