

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

MEETING MINUTES

September 17, 2009

Town Historian, Mickey Oliver called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. The following were in attendance: Town Historian Mickey Oliver, Town Supervisor Mary Beth Murphy, Town Curator/Administrator Terry Ariano, Historical Society President Emil Antonaccio and Architectural Review Board member Ken Bond.

MINUTES

Mr. Antonaccio made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 16, 2009 meeting. Mr. Bond seconded the motion. All were in favor.

PROPERTIES REPORTS

Wright-Reis Homestead

Ice House Roof - The roof on the ice house has a hole in it and it needs to be replaced. The shingles are made of wood. Three proposals are needed, and only one contractor has been identified. If the roof is not replaced soon, the structure will be compromised.

Tree Work - The cherry tree near the barn was trimmed, and the branches that were resting on the barn roof were removed. In addition, the dead cherry tree on the other side of the stone wall behind the Homestead was removed.

Mt. Zion

A request has been made from a Somers School District teacher, Marie Ciota to get married in Mt. Zion on July 10, 2010. There were no objections. Arrangements will be made through the Parks and Recreation Department. Mrs. Ariano will also talk to them about having one of their staff open and close the church on the day of the wedding.

Tomahawk Chapel and Cemetery

Windows - Marty Stole has replaced all of the broken panes of glass and has completed re-glazing them. He has also primed over the areas that were caulked, to keep the caulking from drying and falling out. Next summer, he and Mr. Antonaccio will be making the window repairs. At that time, a discussion needs to take place about installing latches on the windows so they are always shut and locked.

Grounds - Gary Mitchell has been mowing the lawn and it looks great.

Tulip Tree - The tulip tree was removed, but the large wood was left. Mrs. Ariano has to contact Lincolndale Landscaping for a proposal to chip the wood and deliver it to the Homestead.

Elephant Hotel

Windows - A meeting was held earlier today with Marilyn Kaplan of Preservation Architecture to discuss a proposal for the specifications for the window restoration project. Since the deadline for the grant money is July 31, 2010, a lot of the work will have to be done over the winter. The next meeting will be held on October 8 and the Town Engineer will be present.

Elephant Hotel Sign - Monarch, an artisan painter submitted a proposal that was approved at the November 13, 2008 Town Board meeting to repaint the lettering on the front of the hotel. Supervisor Murphy will make arrangements with the contractor to begin this work.

Courtroom Emergency Exit - The door has been installed and it blends in nicely. Marty Stole painted it.

Todd Cemetery

Eagle Scout Project - Nicholas Maenza has nearly completed his Eagle Scout project at Todd Cemetery. Mrs. Oliver will meet with him next Tuesday. He has done a great job.

OLD BUSINESS

2010 Proposed Budget - Mrs. Oliver reported that the 2010 Proposed Budget was submitted to the Supervisor as requested. It was only increased by \$100.00 to cover an electric increase at the Homestead. Mrs. Ariano noted that initially the proposal included painting the interior of the Mt. Zion Church. Although the Board agreed that it was not a priority during these hard economic times, Mrs. Ariano would like to go on record as saying that in her opinion, the interior of the church does need to be painted, and waiting 1 ½ years to do so is not a good

idea.

Reynolds House - The LION's Club will be replacing the roof on the Reynolds House. Mr. Bond provided details and pictures of roofing samples that were distributed to the Board via email. The Historic Properties Board made a recommendation to the Architectural Review Board as to what shingle they prefer. It is charcoal color. At some point in the future, the house will be restored and used as a caretaker's residence for the Angle Fly Preserve.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 19 at 4:30 p.m. on the 3rd floor of the Town House.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary
Historic Properties Board

cc: Historic Properties Board
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