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EMIL ANTONACCIO
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MEETING MINUTES

November 15, 2012

Chair Emil Antonaccio opened the meeting at 4:30 p.m. Somers Historical Society President Emil Antonaccio, Architectural Review Board Member Mark Brown, Parks and Recreation Board Chairman Jim Papa, and Town Historian Doris Jane Smith were present.

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

Mt. Zion Church

Fire Extinguishers – There were two fire extinguishers in the Church that have not been serviced since 2006. Haight Fire Equipment serviced and hung them.

Hurricane Sandy Storm Damage – The top of a white pine came off during the storm. The Parks and Recreation maintenance staff will take care of removing it.

Tomahawk Chapel

National Register of Historic Places Plaque – A National Register of Historic Places plaque has been purchased and hung on the Chapel. The State no longer issues them due to budget cuts.

Fire Alarm – ADT and Slomin Security never responded to the requests made for proposals to install a fire alarm in the Chapel. Somers Security indicated that the lack of heat in the building made it very difficult to find a reasonably priced system.

Fire Extinguisher – Haight Fire Equipment installed a fire extinguisher in the Chapel and will service it yearly.

Tree Trunk Damage – A tree trunk fell during a storm in late summer. It was removed by Lincoln Dale Landscaping.

Wright-Reis Homestead

Water Damage – Paul Gregus will be repairing and painting the water damage over the next couple of weeks.

Ice House – Salem Preservation will be starting the ice house repair over the next couple of weeks.

Well – PF Beal and Sons raised the well pump by 100' and flushed out the lines. They also installed a 7GPM dose valve under the pitless. The tank was also flushed out and the pressure increased.

Fire Extinguisher – Haight Fire Equipment hung and serviced the fire extinguishers in the Homestead.

Hurricane Sandy Storm Damage – Some small locust and cedar trees came down at the Homestead as a result of Hurricane Sandy. The Parks and Recreation maintenance staff will take care of their removal. A very large hemlock uprooted. Four proposals were received. A motion was made by Mr. Papa and seconded by Mr. Brown to secure About Tree Service to remove the wood and stump at a cost of \$975. All were in favor.

Outbuildings – Mr. Papa was asked to walk around the outbuildings leading to Reis Park to see if some of the items that are strewn about can be moved or disposed of in an effort to make the area more aesthetically pleasing.

NEW BUSINESS

2013 Budget – The 2013 preliminary budget was presented and Town Board budget hearings were held. None of the items submitted were eliminated or reduced.

2013 Meeting Dates – The meeting dates for 2013 are February 21, May 16, August 15 and November 21. They will be held in the Map Room at the Town House at 4:30 p.m.

Somers Historical Society Trustee Holiday Cocktail Party – All members of the Board have been invited to attend the Historical Society's Holiday Cocktail Party on December 2, from 6 to 8 p.m. All were asked to RSVP to Mrs. Schirmer so she could give a head count.

Water Trough – Town Historian Mrs. Smith is working on the wording for a plaque to be

placed by the water trough when it is relocated from Route 202 to Bailey Park.

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