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MEETING MINUTES

November 19, 2015

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

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Steve Ralston and Resident Philip Merkel were also present.

Minutes – A motion was made by Mr. Papa and seconded by Mr. Bond to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2015 regular meeting. All were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Town House:

Landscape Proposal – Park Foreman Steve Ernst submitted two proposals for renovations to the landscaping in front of the Town House. One was prepared by Whispering Pine Garden Center, at a total of \$13,290 and the other, by Mr. Ernst. All of the work can be completed in-house, with the only expense being the purchase of some new plantings. A motion was made by Mr. Papa and seconded by Mr. Brown to accept Mr. Ernst's proposal as submitted with one exception, the Ailanthus tree at the corner where the field stone wall meets the deli parking lot will remain. All were in favor.

Decorative Rail (Balustrade) on Top of Roof – The decorative rail on the top of

the Elephant Hotel roof has been removed. It will be rebuilt, painted and reinstalled in the spring.

Wright-Reis Homestead:

Homestead Roof – The entire roof needs to be replaced, but the south side is worse. Some repairs have been made. The south side will be replaced in-house.

Mt. Zion Church:

Interior Painting – Paul’s Painting has completed the interior painting project of the Mt. Zion Church. They did a great job.

Smoke Detector – One of the smoke detectors in the Church had to be replaced by CIA Security.

JP McHale Pest Management:

It has been confirmed that all services conducted at the Chapel, Church and Homestead, including all outbuildings, are exterior. Interior services will be done by request, at no extra cost.

Homestead Outbuilding Signage:

Resident Phil Merkel shared a prototype of new signage for the outbuildings at the Homestead. He will get some costs and follow up.

Grant Writer:

Supervisor Morrissey announced that the Town has hired a grant writer and a list of needs is in the process of being created.

Somers Historical Society:

All Board members and their spouses have been invited to the Somers Historical Society Holiday Dinner at the Homestead on December 11 at 6:30 p.m. In addition, Vice President/Program Grace Zimmerman shared some highlights of the past year, as well as upcoming events.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 18 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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