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EMIL ANTONACCIO
CHAIRMAN



MEETING MINUTES

May 31, 2018

Chairman Emil Antonaccio opened the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Somers Historical Society President Emil Antonaccio, resident Architect Ken Bond Architectural Review Board member Mark Brown, Town Supervisor Rick Morrissey, Town Historian Doris Jane Smith and Parks and Recreation Board Chairman Kevin Westerman were present.

Minutes – A motion was made by Supervisor Morrissey to approve the minutes of the May 25, 2017 meeting. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. All were in favor.

A motion was made by Supervisor Morrissey to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2017 meeting. Mr. Westerman seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Eagle Scout Project Update – Troop 228 Boy Scout Max Caron presented an overview of his completed Eagle Scout Project, the restoration of Carolyn Wright-Reis' Model T Ford. The balance of the funds he raised will be given to the Somers Historical Society's Adopt-An-Artifact program and dedicated to the upkeep as well as the maintenance of the vehicle. A new windshield is being installed this week and Chairman Antonaccio will speak to Highway Superintendent Tom Chiaverini to see if the car can be stored in one of his facilities until the Carriage House is finished. All were very pleased with the work that Max has done and a letter of appreciation will be issued.

Carriage Barn at Wright-Reis Homestead – Chuck Dammeyer is in the process of renovating the carriage barn at the Homestead. It ended up being in worse shape than originally thought as there was termite damage. Reframing is a work in progress. Hopefully the barn will be completed in a month or so. Mr. Dammeyer is doing a great

job.

Horse Barn at Wright-Reis Homestead – The horse barn is in much worse shape than the carriage barn. It will be renovated next year.

Homestead Plumbing – The water heater in the Homestead should really be removed as it takes a very long time to get hot water to the kitchen as well as the bathroom and is using a lot of electricity. Mr. Antonaccio would like to put an instantaneous unit under the kitchen sink. Supervisor Morrissey suggested that the same be done to the bathroom sink. In addition, a frost-free outlet needs to be installed and relocated on the outside. Arrangements will be made to have the Town contracted plumber do this work.

Fundraising for Historic Properties – Supervisor Morrissey asked if the Somers Historical Society can do fundraising for the Town's historic properties. They have recently started an Adopt-An-Artifact program for this purpose.

Tomahawk Chapel – Mr. Antonaccio reminded the Board that the Town has been lucky enough to have the neighbor of Tomahawk Chapel maintain the grounds including the cemetery. In addition, there are other cemeteries in Town that have been “adopted” by neighbors or Boy Scouts. Mr. Westerman thinks it would be nice if the Chapel could be used for a brief ceremony or historic tour day, etc.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 16 at 4:30 p.m. in the Map Room at the Town House.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary
Somers Historic Properties Board

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