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EMIL ANTONACCIO
CHAIRMAN



MEETING MINUTES

January 17, 2019

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 Mrs. Smith to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2018 meeting. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Carriage House at Wright-Reis Homestead – Work on the Carriage House rebuild continues with the framing completed, and Mr. Dammeyer working on the siding.

Horse Barn at Wright-Reis Homestead – The two-story Horse Barn is structurally in worse shape than the Carriage House because of termites. Ultimately the goal is to save the downstairs without taking the entire building down. Mr. Antonaccio and Mr. Bond will meet at the site to discuss this further at some point. Mr. Westerman would like to join them as well.

Remaining Buildings at Wright-Reis Homestead – The Summer Kitchen has already been rebuilt, but the Spring House is a total rebuild. The Ice House and Hay Barn are fine. Only materials will have to be purchased for Spring House since Mr. Dammeyer can do the carpentry work.

Trees Behind Carriage House – There is a group of trees behind the Carriage House that need to be removed. Mr. Antonaccio will get prices and the discussion will continue at the May meeting.

Homestead Electric and Plumbing – All of the electric baseboard heaters were replaced with oil filled baseboard heaters by the Town contracted electrician. They also supplied and installed the dedicated circuit for instant hot water heaters under the kitchen and bathroom sinks. The water heaters were purchased and will be installed at some point in the near future.

Remaining Historic Properties – Mt. Zion Church is in good shape, but the Tomahawk Chapel will need some work done after the outbuildings at the Homestead are taken care of.

Carolyn Wright-Reis' Model T-Ford – \$2,000 was added to the Wright-Reis Homestead line to allow for the continuation of the renovation of Carolyn Wright-Reis' Model T-Ford. Once the Carriage House is completed the Model T-Ford will be parked in it again and a small display will be created with the old parts.

1941 Nash – A discussion ensued about a new location for the 1941 Nash.

Hallocks Family Cemetery – The Hallocks Family Cemetery is located in Somers Chase. The walkway is in disrepair and the cemetery is not being maintained. Mrs. Schirmer will reach out to their HOA requesting an update on when things may be taken care of.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 16th 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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