

## HISTORIC PROPERTIES BOARD

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# Town of Somers

WESTCHESTER COUNTY, N.Y.

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CHAIRMAN



## MEETING MINUTES

**November 21, 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 Historian Doris Jane Smith and Parks and Recreation Board Chairman Kevin Westerman were present.

Town Supervisor Rick Morrissey was absent.

**Minutes** – A motion was made by Mr. Brown to approve the minutes of the August 29, 2019 meeting. Mr. Westerman seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**Elephant Statue** – The elephant statue that is in front of the Town House is technically in Bailey Park. The original one was made of wood and rotted, the second was eaten by insects, and the third statue, made of cement, is currently standing, but starting to deteriorate. A drawing of a bronze replacement based on the original design has been secured and was shared with the members. After getting prices from three different businesses, the most favorable cost for the artist and foundry work is \$45,000.00. All agreed to proceed forward in pursuit of funding for the project. Mrs. Smith made a motion to request \$20,000.00 of Recreation Fees from the Parks and Recreation Board for the artist work as it is located in a Town Park. Mr. Bond seconded the motion. All were in favor. Mr. Antonaccio and Mrs. Smith will attend the next Parks and Recreation Board meeting on December 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Wright-Reis Homestead Smoke Detectors** – On Monday, Mr. Antonaccio met with Joe Lombardi from Doyle/CIA Security with regard to a panel upgrade to add smoke detection to the Wright-Reis Homestead. The proposal was shared with all. A motion was made by Mr. Westerman and seconded by Mr. Bond to upgrade the panel and add smoke detection to the Wright-Reis Homestead for a total cost of \$3,344.00. All were in

favor. A memo will be sent to the Town Board to add this item to their December agenda.

**Carriage House – Outdoor Lights** – A-Amp Electric ran electricity to the Carriage House for a future outlet and flood light. Thanks, were extended to the Parks Department staff for digging the trench.

**Pruning and Tree Removal** – Two hemlock trees by the Horse Barn were pruned by Timber Scape and four trees behind the Carriage House were removed by Walter and Sons Tree Service. In addition, a maple tree overhanging Mt. Zion Church was pruned by Timber Scape.

**Benches** – The two benches that were removed from the front of the Town Houses will be permanently placed at the Homestead along the walkway and at the corner of the Homestead in the spring.

**Horse Barn – Structural Repairs** – In 2020 structural repairs will be made to the Horse Barn. This work will be done by Chuck Dammeyer.

**Spring House – Reconstruction** – The Spring House has to be totally reconstructed and Mr. Dammeyer can complete this project as well.

**Town House Side Door** – The Risk Management Committee has suggested that the panels in the side door of the Town House be replaced with glass. A lengthy discussion took place. A motion was made by Mrs. Smith that the door was designed to be in keeping with the building which is now a National Landmark and should be left as is. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**Town House Meeting Room Roof** – Mr. Bond and Building Inspector Tom Tooma will meet next Wednesday to look at the Town House Meeting Room roof, which is slated to be replaced in 2020. Mr. Bond is suggesting that tapered insulation be used to resolve the standing water issue. An update will be given at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup> 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  
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