

HISTORIC PROPERTIES BOARD

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WESTCHESTER COUNTY, N.Y.

EMIL ANTONACCIO
CHAIRMAN



MEETING MINUTES

November 30, 2021

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

The meeting was held at the Somers Town House.

The following members were present: Architectural Review Board Chairman John Alfonzetti, Somers Historical Society President Emil Antonaccio, Resident Architect Ken Bond, Town Historian Doris Jane Smith and Parks and Recreation Board Chairman Kevin Westerman.

Town Supervisor Rick Morrissey was absent.

Town Supervisor Rick Morrissey's Assistant Kim DeLucia was also present.

Minutes – A motion was made by Mr. Bond to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2021 meeting. Mr. Westerman seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Homestead Porch – Town carpenter Chuck Dammeyer has completed replacing some of the Homestead porch floor boards and painting the porch. He did a great job.

Tomahawk Chapel – The columns on the front porch of the Tomahawk Chapel are rotting and rebuilding them is a work in progress by Mr. Dammeyer. Since there is no access to the front porch, he will also build stairs on both sides.

2022 Projects – The plan is for Mr. Dammeyer to extend the barn roof and do structural repairs to the horse barn in 2022.

Bailey Park – Mr. Antonaccio drafted a letter from the Historic Properties Board to the Town Board regarding Bailey Park. In his opinion, Bailey Park is part of the property

that includes the Elephant Hotel, which is a National Landmark, and is a historic property, therefore should fall under the jurisdiction of the Historic Properties Board rather than the Parks and Recreation Department. Some disagreed, as they felt that Bailey Park is simply a piece of land located in the Business Historic Properties District. A very lengthy discussion ensued and all were given an opportunity to share their thoughts and opinions, some of which included the Parks and Recreation Board's proposed plan to enhance Bailey Park. Although some thought the draft of the letter was not quite clear, at the conclusion of the conversation, the majority felt that Bailey Park is not a historic property and should remain under the domain of the Parks and Recreation Department.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 7, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Denise Schirmer, Secretary
Somers Historic Properties Board

cc: Town Board
Town Clerk
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