

HISTORIC PROPERTIES BOARD

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EMIL ANTONACCIO
CHAIRMAN



MEETING MINUTES

April 27, 2023

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

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

Resident Architect Ken Bond, and Town Supervisor Rob Scorrano were absent.

Minutes – A motion was made by Mr. Westerman and seconded by Mr. DeMase to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2022 meeting. All were in favor.

Business:

Wright-Reis Homestead Outbuildings Roof Repairs – The roofs of the chicken coop and storage shed need to be replaced. Mr. Wintje ordered half the cedar shakes at the end of 2022 and the remaining half at the beginning of 2023. They are being stored and as soon as Taylor Wintje's schedule allows, he will start working on this project.

Tomahawk Chapel Stairs – The materials needed to install stairs off the porch of the Chapel are being stored and the work will begin as soon as Mr. Wintje's schedule allows.

Exterior Security – At their April 20th Board Meeting, the Town Board appointed Marshall Alarm Systems to provide exterior security for all Town owned buildings, including the Homestead and Mt. Zion Church. Work will begin at some point in May.

Wright-Reis Homestead – Mr. Antonaccio was happy to report that the Homestead will be open to the public at various times this year. Two highlights are for the

Independence Day Celebration at the end of June and for the day campers over the summer.

Additional Work at the Homestead – As Mr. Wintje's schedule allows, the horse barn is in need of structural repairs and the Spring House needs to be reconstructed.

Shadowing the Chairman – Mr. Antonaccio has been the Chairman of the Historic Properties Board for many years. In anticipation of him being no longer to serve in that capacity at some point, a discussion ensued. Mr. DeMase has offered to shadow Mr. Antonaccio and become familiar with the buildings that the Board oversees so when this does occur, he can take over as the Chairman of the Board. All agreed with that decision and thanked Mr. DeMase for his willingness to do so.

New Elephant Statue – The new elephant statue to be placed on the existing base in front of the Town House has been completed. It weighs 550 pounds and is made of bronze. The base needs to have some work done to it before the new elephant is placed. The creation of this new elephant statue was due to the generosity of money left by a former long time Somers Historical Society member.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m. and the Board will meet next on Thursday, August 24th at 4:30 p.m. in the Somers Town House Map Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary
Somers Historic Properties Board

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