

The Willington Historical Society (WHS)
Annual Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 24, 2019
Town Office Building
40 Old Farms Road, Willington CT

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President Bob Shabot

Board Members present: Bob Shabot, Lisa Ferriere, Mark Masinda, Paul Schur, Sue Schur, Paul Weigold, and 28 additional people.

Present to speak: None

Approval of Minutes: **The August 27, 2019 minutes were tabled until the October Board Meeting**

Treasurer's report: Sue Schur reported that annual expenses were currently exceeding income. Donations to the boiler fund now total \$3,212.10 against the original expenditure of \$7,556.00. The 2 endowed accounts were invested so that the principal is being maintained and the interest income is being used to support appropriate expenses.

Old Business

Bob Shabot commented on the following items:

- The WHS fall newsletter, The Hour Glass, has been published.
- The WHS is in the process of moving its internet site to a different provider.
- Sixteen years ago, the Ruby Family donated a parcel of land to the WHS which adjoins the property of the Daniel Glazier Tavern owned by the WHS. A survey and subdivision of the two properties is finished. A building lot on Ruby Road is now available for sale by the WHS. The income from the sale will assist with some planned WHS expenses to improve the Tavern and cover some of the operational expenses.
- The code compliance report to provide a plan to make the Tavern more accessible and thus useful to the WHS and also for other events, public and private, has been completed and meetings with both the building inspector and fire marshal have occurred. The costs for the improvements are in excess of \$14,000. The WHS will announce a campaign requesting donations to assist in paying for the improvements.
- Mark Palmer, Town Historian, has indicated that the Tavern may be older than 1815, possibly 1806.
- Bob thanked Ted Demers for his assistance constructing the split rail fence on Tavern property on the north side of Common Road.
- Bob also made a brief mention of some cost advantages in having a property designated as a historic site.

New Business

The meeting was opened for nomination for two-year terms for the offices of president and treasurer. The names of Bob Shabot for president and Sue Schur for treasurer had been recommended at the WHS board meeting on August 27, 2019. There were no further nominations from the floor. **Motion: Paul Schur moved and Mark Masinda seconded that the Secretary cast a ballot for Bob Shabot and Sue Schur. Passed unanimously.**

Financial authorizations: **Mark Masinda moved, Paul Schur seconded,** to authorize Susan Schur, Treasurer to transact any and all financial business necessary for the financial operation of the

Willington Historical Society, in accordance with the bylaws, effective until the Annual Meeting, September 2020 and;

to authorize Susan Schur, Treasurer; Robert Shabot, President; Mark Masinda, Vice President, to act as signatories on bank accounts, mutual funds, stock investments and real estate transactions owned by the Willington Historical Society with authorization to transact all necessary business for the opening, maintenance, reinvestment and/or closing of the Willington Historical Society's investments, one signature to be sufficient for transacting any business \$500.00 or less; two signatures for amounts over \$500.00. This authorization is effective until the Annual meeting, September 2020. **Passed unanimously**

The meeting adjourned at 7:25pm

The meeting was followed by a slide show presentation with approximately 30 people attending of the renovation of the Masinda Button Shop, on Luchon Road by Mark Masinda and Paul Weigold. The button shop has been designated as a State Historic Site.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Schur, Secretary