

The Willington Historical Society (WHS)

Minutes

Tuesday, July 16, 2019

Daniel Glazier Tavern on the Town Green

One Common Road, Willington CT

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by President Bob Shabot

Present: Bob Shabot, Mark Masinda, Lisa Ferriere, Betty Robertson, Paul Schur and Sue Schur

Present to speak –None

Approval of Minutes: The June 18, 2019 minutes were approved with 2 abstentions as presented following a motion by Betty Robertson, seconded by Paul Schur.

Treasurer's report: Sue Schur reported that again there was very little change in the accounts since the last board meeting. **The treasurer's report was accepted with a motion by Mark Masinda, second by Lisa Ferriere.**

Old Business

Conversation of a website format: Bob Shabot mentioned that Melanie Kucko had asked about the status of progress on getting the new website established.

There was discussion about paying for the website. Paul Schur reminded the board that at the May 21, 2019 meeting Melanie had generously offered to donate the first year's fee of approximately \$150 and donate her time to setup the website and move information from the existing website to the one she would prepare. The board by consensus had previously agreed to use the Bedford template of the Squarespace platform (<https://www.squarespace.com/>).

Bob will get back to Melanie and in the meantime asked board members to look at other websites especially historical societies and consider what could be incorporated in the WHS site

Code Compliance: No report on obtaining a building permit. **Mark Masinda stated that he would contact the building inspector.**

There was considerable discussion about accepting donations for specific projects such as making the tavern ADA compliant and how donors might be recognized. Some suggestions included naming a project such as widening the rear door for a person or as a memorial and creating a plaque or something similar listing donors. The discussion also included recognizing people donating items that enhance the WHS historical collections.

Update on proposal to name a widened kitchen entryway: The potential donor has not been contacted. **Sue Schur will contact the donor**

Update to hire a plumber. No report. Paul Weigold was to secure the name of a plumber to do the work to prevent the bathroom pipes from freezing and the board had authorized the expenditure of up to \$300 at the June 18, 2019 meeting. **Bob Shabot will contact Paul Weigold.**

Ruby Road Property Division: The "for sale" sign has been erected with Bob Shabot as a contact person. The survey of the lot has not been completed. Bob Shabot also indicated the division of the property might require subdivision approval. Mark Masinda did not think subdivision approval was necessary. Sue Schur suggested that if Bob Shabot was asked about a price for the lot that \$55,000 might be a reasonable asking price. **Bob**

Shabot will contact the former surveyor to get the records he has so they can be passed on to another surveyor if necessary.

Mark Masinda will contact the zoning board to determine whether subdivision approval is necessary.

Bank approval of credit card - Sue Schur reported that the WHS was not approved for a credit card by Key Bank. However a debit card linked to the checking account was established and Sue indicated that regularly occurring bills and other expenses could be paid with the debit card.

Help needed for displays for flea market - Sue and Lisa indicated that they are progressing with the development for the display at the tavern. Bob Shabot has some ideas for the “What’s it table”.

Mark Masinda mentioned that Hall School had established a Facebook page and people were posting pictures and information about past students. **Bob Shabot will see if the WHS Facebook page can be linked to the school Facebook page.**

September WHS election of officers - **Bob Shabot stated that he is willing to serve another term as president and Sue Schur indicated that she was willing to serve another term as treasurer.**

New Business

Request by Registrar of Voters for use of Tavern August 7 at 6pm: The function would include a tent outside, some food on the porch/inside. At the June 18, 2019 meeting the board had supported the use of the tavern pending additional information i.e., number of people, length of time etc.

Sue Schur mentioned receipt of a recent letter from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) about the lien on the tavern until April 1, 2023 due to a grant received to make improvements to the tavern. The board is responsible for contacting SHPO about any changes that could impact the value of the tavern.

Meeting adjourned: 8:43 p.m:

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Schur, Secretary