

The Willington Historical Society  
Minutes  
Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Call to Order: The meeting was held at the Glazier Tavern. It was called to order by President Mark Masinda at 7:16 pm

Members present: Mark Masinda, Sue Schur, Shari Masinda, Rosa Chinchilla, Betty Robertson

Present to Speak. None

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the Annual Meeting in September were in process and will be reviewed at the November meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Sue Schur presented the Treasurer's Reports from September and October. The annual insurance payment was noted. Discussion of the funds available to further ADA upgrades at the Tavern. S. Masinda moved to approve, R. Chinchilla second, approved unanimously.

**Old Business**

Ruby Rd. property: Mark Masinda and Bob Shabot have received an email from Dave Smith that the plot plan is ready to be finalized outlining the division of the property and combines the remaining back parcel with the Tavern lot. EHHS approval was not needed.

Jared Sparks Exhibit: This work is ongoing.

Code Compliance: Discussion of some immediate ADA requirements that could be accomplished with the existing funds available: ramp access, door widths, bathroom access.

Annual Meeting wrap-up: Discussion of the excellent presentation by Richard Donohue at the September Annual meeting. Presentation "The Town of Iron Toys: The Mechanical Banks of the J&E Stevens Co." about the history and manufacture of iron banks in Cromwell, CT was very entertaining and informative.

**New Business**

An article is being prepared for the Willington Wire for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2021.

Discussion regarding open positions of Vice President and Secretary. There was general discussion regarding the need for an expanded membership and ideas for seeking new members.

The date for the Annual Tree Lighting has not yet been finalized as town Parks & Rec is in transition. Mark to contact Alan Humphrey for more information. General discussion regarding COVID protocol if the Tavern is used as in prior years. This would include individually packaging food, use of only disposable plastic/paper, utilizing space outside under portico, having a fire pit to draw people outside, one way traffic inside the Tavern.

Sue Schur noted the generous donation of various historical items and a framed print donated

by Mrs. Mary Lillibridge. The print shows the Polster Road area of Willington, circa 1860's.

Sue Schur has received a letter from the State of CT Labor department outlining free on-site consulting available to museums. The letter will be retained on file for future reference if an assessment is needed.

The next WHS meeting will be November 16, 2021. All were in favor of continuing to use the Tavern for the monthly meeting as long as winter weather allows.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Shari Masinda

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