

The Willington Historical Society  
Annual Meeting  
Minutes  
Friday September 24, 2021  
Town Office Building – Common Room  
40 Old Farms Rd., Willington

Call to Order: Bob Shabot called the meeting of the Willington Historical Society (WHS) to order at 7:00 p.m. Eleven people were in attendance.

Board members present: Bob Shabot, Mark Masinda, Sue Schur, Betty Robertson

Present to Speak. No member of the public offered any comment. Bob commented on the fundraising efforts for the accessibility project. (See Old Business.)

Approval of Minutes: Tabled

Treasurer's Report: Sue Schur reported that the Society's financial situation shows an increase in all accounts since September of 2020. This is due to the interest and dividends paid on our investments held by Ameriprise, as well as the generous donations throughout the year that have been designated to the accessibility project, an amount totaling \$10,660 as of this date. Treasurer's report accepted as presented.

Election of Officers:

Bob Shabot has chosen not to run again as President after 18 years of service to the Society in that capacity. Mark Masinda was nominated to serve as President for the next two-year period. **Elected unanimously.**

Sue Schur was nominated to serve as Treasurer for the next two-year period. **Elected unanimously.**

Financial motions

1. Motion 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 2022. Bob Shabot moved, and Betty Robertson seconded. **Passed**

2. Motion to authorize Susan Schur, Treasurer, and Mark Masinda, President, to act as signatories on bank accounts, mutual funds and stock investments 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 2022. Bob Shabot moved, and Betty Robertson seconded. **Passed**

## **Old Business**

### **Ruby Rd. property**

It is necessary to seek an engineer to take over the task of getting the property certified as a building lot.

### **Code compliance project**

"Open the Door for Accessibility" will be the theme for the fundraising effort to meet the building codes in order to open the Daniel Glazier Tavern on a more regular basis. The project will include an ADA compliant bathroom, widening 3 doors, providing 2 ramps at entryways, a designated handicapped parking space, lighted exit signs and emergency lighting. Estimated costs from a few years ago, were listed at \$15,000, but as the cost of materials and labor have gone up, the cost will most likely be \$20,000 or more.

## **New Business**

Richard Franklin Donohue from Cromwell, CT gave a presentation about "The Mechanical Banks of the J & E Stevens Company". Using both Power Point photos and a variety of actual banks, Mr. Donohue highlighted this bit of Americana that was so popular between the Civil War and World War II.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Schur, Secretary Pro Tem

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