

The Willington Historical Society
Minutes of the Meeting
Tuesday, May 17, 2022

Call to Order: The meeting was held at the Glazier Tavern. The meeting was called to order by President Mark Masinda at 7:03 pm

Members present: Mark Masinda, Sue Schur, Shari Masinda, Julie Engelke, Betty Robertson, Donna Caplette, Bob Shabot, Jim Buell

Present to Speak: Jim Buell presented several items for donation to WHS, including a spittoon, an 1800's era teapot, antique thread, an old box marked Hilltop and various paperwork, all of which was gratefully accepted.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the April meeting, motion to approve D. Caplette, seconded J. Engelke, approved.

Treasurer's Report: Sue Schur presented the current Treasurer's Reports. Discussion of expenses to be applied to CT Humanities grant funding.
Motion to approve B. Robertson, seconded S. Masinda, approved.

Old Business

Willington Day 5/28: Our registration fee has been paid with no additional information forthcoming. Set up will be as in prior years. Mark and Bob to set up tables, chairs, tent. Items for sale will be assembled. D. Caplette volunteers to bring candy to give away.

Ruby Rd. property: Discussion regarding tentative value of property in comparison to other lots recently sold. J. Engelke and M. Masinda to discuss with realtors after Memorial Day events.

Discussion of flyer/mailling: Review of present flyer plans. Proofs received from Anything Printed, one typo error to be fixed. 150 to be printed to distribute at Willington Day and perhaps the Post Office, Senior Center, Town Hall.

New Business

Discussion of upcoming grant opportunities through CT Humanities, ARPA funding to be distributed by the Town of Willington, and the requirements for applying for those funds. Establish a "wish list" of projects to include concrete on garage floors, shelving for storage, archiving/acid free materials, dehumidifiers, handicapped bathroom. CT Humanities first report can be submitted in June to allow for release of remaining grant funds.

Bob Shabot has been working on the Tavern plant beds using native perennials. Julie Engelke to research native plants from the 1700's and 1800's. Julie noted NE Conservation plant sale at Tolland Extension.

Owner of Flat Pennies, Laura Pineo (old River & Rail) has requested old Willington photos to be scanned to decorate new restaurant. Credit should go to WHS on large size print to show "Willington Historical Society Archives." Mark and Bob to coordinate with new owner.

Discussion of use of summer hours for regular meetings in June, July and August. All were in favor of 2:30 pm meeting time until September annual meeting which is usually held at Town Hall.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2022 @ 2:30 pm at the Glazier Tavern.

Meeting adjourned 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Shari Masinda

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