

The Willington Historical Society (WHS)

Minutes

Tuesday, August 27, 2019

Daniel Glazier Tavern on the Town Green

One Common Road, Willington CT

The meeting was called to order at 6:58 p.m. by President Bob Shabot

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

Present to speak –Brian Lauriat, Coastal Wealth Management / Ameriprise Representative

The order of the meeting was changed to allow Brian Lauriat to present information concerning the WHS investment accounts and to present a plan to reduce cost and develop an investment strategy to meet the board's goal of maintaining principal but also using some funds to increase income. Following discussion **Sue Schur moved and Bob Shabot seconded to have Brian Lauriat move forward with combining the 3 investment accounts into one brokerage account to reduce fees. The three funds being combined for investment purposes will be monitored separately by the treasurer to assure that the directions for the use of the endowed funds will continue to be met. The motioned passed unanimously**

Approval of Minutes: **The July 16, 2019 minutes were approved as presented following a motion by Betty Robertson, seconded by Lisa Ferrier.**

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 Paul Schur, second by Bob Shabot**

**Old Business**

Sue and Lisa indicated that they are progressing with the development for the September 8<sup>th</sup> display at the Tavern. They plan to meet on Thursday to 8/29 to prepare some displays at the Tavern including two World War II women's Marine Corps uniforms. Staffing at the booth on the town green and at the Tavern appears adequate. Bob will set up the canopy on the town green and provide some coverage at the Tavern as well. There will be photos of children from the Willington Nursery School in the 1960's that will be on display at our booth on the Green, with the hope there will be people who can identify those pictured. Paul Weigold may bake bread in the fireplace oven at the Tavern.

The date for the annual meeting has been set for 7pm September 24, 2019. Bob will check to see if the Town Office meeting area is available and whether Mark Masinda and Paul Weigold will discuss the history and renovation of the button shop.

Bob and Sue will work on the preparation of a fall newsletter. Bob has drafts of two articles and one for the Willington Wire.

The documents for subdividing the Ruby Road property allowing the property to be sold as a building lot should be completed by September 8<sup>th</sup>. Bob stated that there has been some interest expressed about a possible purchase of the property.

Mark Masinda had met with the building inspector and zoning officer and learned that the WHS does not require subdivision approval to sell the Ruby Road building lot. He also learned that the WHS has at least until October 2020 to begin work on Tavern renovations under the existing building code.

Bob Shabot and Mark Masinda will install a cold-water line prior to the September 8<sup>th</sup> Flea Market and Tavern open house so that the bathroom facilities can once again be used year-round.

Sue Schur will meet with Melanie Kucko to develop the new WHS website. A meeting is tentatively set for September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Bob briefly discussed the need to develop a plan to do fund raising to make the Tavern disability code compliant. He mentioned that he would have the boiler pressure gage graphic at the WHS booth on the town green September 8. Mark Masinda has mentioned to Bob that funds from the sale of the Ruby Road property could be used for the necessary renovations at the same time as fund raising was occurring. Bob also mentioned that he hoped to speak with Representative Joseph Courtney on September 8<sup>th</sup> to determine if federal funds might be available for renovations to the Tavern.

#### New Business

Sue Schur mentioned that Susan Smallheer (who previously lived in the Tavern and has visited on a number of occasions) and her family will be stopping at the Tavern on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Betty Robertson volunteered to be present to meet with the family.

The meeting adjourned at 9:02pm

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Schur, Secretary