

Solomon Wells House Committee  
Minutes – Tuesday, October 13, 2009

Mary Mahar, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Carolyn Bedula, Nancy Doyle, Marilyn McPhee, Nancy Smith, Gretchen Kelly, Harry Lichtenbaum, and Parks and Recreation Director, Kathy Bagley.

A. Notes of June 9, 2009.

Marilyn McPhee moved to approve the notes from June 9, 2009. The motion was seconded by Nancy Smith and voted unanimously.

B. 375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Parade and Keane Carnival.

The house was a focal point of the town's parade and party for the volunteer party afterwards. A tent to accommodate 100 dignitaries was set up. The house will also serve as headquarters for the Keane Cove Side Carnival from October 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>.

C. Budget.

The standard budget for Parks and Recreation was presented. By June 30<sup>th</sup> a determination can be made as to how much money is available for special projects. Any item costing over \$25,000 is a capital improvement, requiring special clearance.

1. Sixty chairs have been purchased. Any of the old ones still in good condition were donated to the Community Center.
2. Paving the driveway with necessary drainage would cost \$100,000 and remains a priority.
3. In the spring, the sprinkler system will be restored for the garden.

D. Maintenance.

1. A committee of Nancy Doyle, Marilyn McPhee, Nancy Smith and Gretchen Kelly was formed to choose window treatments for the kitchen.
2. Gretchen Kelly will look into the possibility of installing shades to save energy.

E. Usage.

Bookings have been maintained, although special events reduced some weekend openings.

F. Caretaker Report

1. The Wethersfield Garden Club will do the decorations for Christmas. The artificial garlands will have to be replaced after this year's use.
2. Dana received a thank you note from Nancy Susca of The Southend Ladies.
3. When the tornado hit Wethersfield, those who had booked the house for the weekend insisted on having their functions until darkness set in.

D. Connecticut Paranormal Encounters and Research.

A non profit group from Southington, who charges no fee, requested permission to investigate a ghost purportedly residing in the attic of the house. Kathy Bagley will check with the Town Manager about giving the group permission to look into it.

E. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Doyle, Secretary