

Solomon Welles House Committee (SWHC) Minutes of Meeting on Tuesday, October 9, 2007

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Kathy Bagley, Carolyn Bedula, Elizabeth Dunne, Cheryl Gardow, Mary Mahar, Marilyn McPhee, and Nancy Smith.

- A. [Minutes of June 12, 2007](#) were read and accepted. (Correction noted: Addition of Elizabeth Dunne as being in attendance at June 12, 2007 meeting.)
- B. Letters & Announcements
 - 1. Letters: None
 - 2. Announcements: None
- C. Pending Business
 - 1. Budget Report: Kathy Bagley reported on status of budget, which was replenished for the 2007-08 fiscal year. The current year budget was increased for repairs, window cleaning, and household. As of October there was an \$11,637 remaining balance in the budget, and no monies for heating had been expended as of yet.
 - 2. Sidewalks: Kathy Bagley reported that the sidewalk project was completed on both sides of the House. Steps on both sides were removed with ramps put in to make paths handicap accessible.
- D. Committee Report
 - 1. Exterior Projects: Kathy Bagley reported on exterior work.
 - i. Trees: look at planting new tree to replace former trees on south side of House. To look at planting tree in memory of someone.
 - ii. Window Sill: sill outside of Caretaker's living room was replaced.
 - iii. Gutter: may have to replace house gutters, however, this project is currently not funded for. Keeping an eye on.
 - iv. Porch Steps: new railings to be put up.
 - v. Shutters: starting to wear and rot. Town Maintenance is fixing what they can, but need to order custom shutters. Plan to do a couple each year. Pricing them out. Carolyn Bedula asked if need to deal with Historic District Commission. Kathy Bagley responded that if the shutters were being replaced with something else that would change the look of the House, then would need to. Plan to replace gradually.
 - 2. Interior Projects: Kathy Bagley reported that Town continues to keep up with interior touch up painting. Also, see Caretaker Report below.
 - 3. Caretaker Report / Observations and Suggestions:

Dana reported on the following:

- i. Replacement of kitchen curtains due to wear. Discussed and decided to consider custom made vs. ready made at Country Curtain. To locate contact information of person that did Meeting Room window treatments.
- ii. New stove was installed in Caretaker apartment.
- iii. Rotten sill outside of Caretaker's living room was fixed.
- iv. Projects for Spring include replanting rose bushes in conjunction with Wethersfield Garden Club Landscaping Plan. Also, edging options needed for garden.

- v. Suggestion for energy efficient light bulbs as cutting down on electricity and doing our part for "going green." Kathy Bagley indicated do use them at Community Center, but SWH has never been on radar screen for this. Carolyn Bedula inquired about energy audits.
- E. New Business: Kathy Bagley informed the SWHC about the Wethersfield Garden Club Project. The Landscaping Plan and accompanying correspondence were reviewed. The Plan proposed a cost of \$450.00, which was not considered to be excessive. The Plan also proposed removal of existing plants such as roses, and junipers, which there are places for. Roses could go where berm is down in back of the House. A motion was made to accept the Plan.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl M. Gardow