

## Solomon Welles House Committee Minutes of meeting on January 14, 2004

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Kathy Bagley, Pam Ragonese, Nancy Smith, Cheryl Gardow and Mary Mahar

- A. [Minutes of October 14, 2003 meeting](#) were accepted as written.
- B. Letters and Announcements.
  - 1. No letters
  - 2. Kathy Bagley shared that many people that attended functions or meetings in December commented on the beautiful Christmas decorations and how nice the SWH looks.
- C. Pending Business.
  - 1. Budget Report - Kathy Bagley reported that the SWH budget is on target.
  - 2. Roof leak was fixed and paid for with capital improvement monies.
  - 3. Upstairs repainted due to water damage from leak and paid with SWH monies.
- D. Committee Reports
  - 1. Interior Design and Decoration

Pat Kupper submitted a written report regarding options for protecting furniture from ultraviolet rays:  
Millard Associates - 3M Film applied to glass, \$11/pane  
Arrow Manufacturing - Mylar shades, not recommended for SWH  
Webb/Dean/Stevens Museum - fixed shades made by Wethersfield (Arrow ?) Shade - trying to locate and contact.  
United Paint and Wallpaper - exploring possibilities.

Committee discussion focused on UV film as preference. Will hold on decision until April when Pat will have more data to report and funding for this project can be more accurately projected.

- 2. House and Grounds
  - Kathy Bagley has not yet been able to discuss pergola with new town planner; issue not a priority item.
  - Paint was touched up in Fall 2003.
  - Roof leak was repaired.
  - Upstairs Meeting Room - floors need to be refinished.
  - Upstairs lavatory - needs repainting around sink and some tiles need cleaning.
- 3. Landscaping
  - Planting bed on the slope was ripped out Fall 2003.
- E. New Business
  - 1. Caretaker Report
    - Hanging baskets - Dana suggested having a nursery determine plantings that are appropriate for Both sides of porch (sunny/shady side). Alternatives to hanging baskets may be flower boxes or sets of planters near front and side entrances.
    - Wisteria - Dana requested opinion from nursery. Kathy Bagley will check names of local nurseries.
    - Russian Olive Tree - Town staff will determine if they are allowed to pull this out.
    - Tables - Present tables are 30 in x 30 in, and the new standard size is 34 in x 34 in. This would impact capacity. Cheryl Gardow will search on Internet for 30" x 30" tables.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Mahar