

Solomon Wells House Committee  
Minutes – Tuesday, April 13, 2010

Mary Mahar, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. Members present were Carolyn Bedula, Nancy Doyle, Marilyn McPhee, Gretchen Kelly, Nancy Smith, Theresa Urbanski and Parks and Recreation Director, Kathy Bagley.

A. Minutes – January 12, 2010.

Carolyn Bedula moved to approve the minutes of January 12, 2010. The motion was seconded by Nancy Smith and voted unanimously.

B. Wethersfield Garden Club.

Kathy Bagley shared with the members a letter from Wethersfield Garden Club President, Jayne Lawson. The club has requested that the fees for their four business meetings be waived. The club designed and installed gardens around the house several years ago. Members have continued to maintain the gardens, providing fertilizer, weed preventive agents, bulbs and replacement plants, as needed, at no expense to the town. The Committee authorized Ms. Bagley to respond that fees for two of the remaining 2010 meetings will be waived (fees for two of their meetings earlier in the year have also been waived). Further charges are subject to reconsideration at the end of the calendar year. In addition, the club is advised to submit a bill to the committee for the supplies they use in the course of their work on the gardens.

C. Budget.

Ms. Bagley reported that the budget is on track and the outlook is good.

1. A \$600 irrigation system for the front and side of the house and for the caretaker's garden will be installed, with materials and labor provided by the town's Physical Services Department.
2. An independent study of the parking lot renovation will be conducted by a group from Central Connecticut State University Engineering Department. A whole design will address questions such as where the water is to be directed, etc.

D. Maintenance.

1. The touch up paint jobs have not yet been completed.
2. The bathroom sink and the dishwasher should be replaced in the caretaker's apartment.
3. Garbage containers should be replaced and the hatch door repaired to address leaks. Mothballs were suggested to deter the rabbits living under the porch.
4. The AA group that meets regularly agreed to help pay to clean the coffee stains on the rugs.

E. Open House.

Possibility of an open house to showcase qualities that make this a good choice for holiday parties, graduation parties, baby and bridal showers, memorial services, christenings, etc.

1. Bookings are picking up.
2. A press release is planned to remind residents that the house is open for viewing by appointment only on Tuesday evenings from 5:00 – 5:45 p.m.

F. A tour of the caretaker's apartment is planned for the next meeting on June 8, 2010.

G. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Doyle, Secretary