

Solomon Welles House Committee (SWHC) Minutes of Meeting on Tuesday, June 12, 2007

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

A. [Minutes of April 11, 2007](#) were read and accepted.

B. Letters & Announcements

1. Letters: Kathy Bagley informed SWHC of letter received from Kathleen Lagana on behalf of the Bud and Blossom Garden Club, requesting a reduced rental rate of \$100 for its annual Christmas party (vs. \$175 based upon new rental rates effective 7/1/07). After review of letter and discussion, the Committee concluded the standard rate was appropriate and would continue to be charged without reduction, given costs related to caretaker / security, as well as the fact the Club gets the House for free every three years (when it decorates the House at Christmas).
2. Announcements: None

C. Pending Business

1. Budget Report: Kathy Bagley reported on status of budget. The budget remains on target, however, it is likely will spend to bottom line with no extra monies left for wish list items.
2. Sidewalks: Kathy Bagley also reported on the proposed sidewalk project. Sidewalks will be replaced in August with concrete slab. Some steps will be taken out with a ramp put in to make path handicap accessible. The Caretaker's patio will also be worked on.

D. Committee Reports

1. Exterior Projects: Kathy Bagley reported on exterior work, in addition to the sidewalk project (see above) during the Committee's tour of the grounds.
 - i. Trees: 1) Big tree to the south of the House was struck by lightning. What is remaining of the tree will be taken down, with a new tree planted in its place. 2) A new tree was planted next to two trees in grass area near the parking lot, creating a triangle.
 - ii. Window Sill: sill outside of Caretaker's living room needs to be replaced. Will be fixed this summer.
 - iii. Planting Areas: all beds have been mulched.
 - iv. Gutter: may have to replace house gutters, however, this project is currently not funded for.
 - v. Maintenance is being performed on roof.
 - vi. Porch / Steps: to be painted in August. New railings are also needed.
2. Interior Projects: See Caretaker Report below.
3. Caretaker Report / Observations and Suggestions:

Dana reported on the following:

- i. Replacement of: 1) kitchen curtains due to wear, and 2) upstairs drapes that shrunk after sent to cleaners. To price curtains.
- ii. Kitchen floor harder to maintain. Requested that replacement continue to be considered.
- iii. Stove in Caretaker apartment not functioning properly. Would like bigger stove and smaller refrigerator, and to swap locations (i.e., put new stove where refrigerator is, and vice versa). Need to accommodate a 220 volt plug for new stove. Town Electrician to complete by end of

June so new stove can be installed.

- iv. Rotten sill outside of Caretaker's living room needs to be looked at. To be completed over the summer.
 - v. Cupboards: moved white pieces from living room into the painted cupboards (between Meeting Room / Kitchen) to make display more attractive.
 - vi. To get new accessories including waste paper basket, and toilet paper holders for upstairs and downstairs bathrooms.
 - vii. Plantings: trying ferns for the planter urns on porch.
 - viii. Projects for August include working on utility room and two rooms upstairs, and flipping rugs.
 - ix. Other: gutters were cleaned.
- E. New Business: Kathy Bagley informed the SWHC that a tent will be allowed on premises for retirement party being held for Wethersfield police officer on Friday evening at end of month. Tents are typically not allowed given they translate into more people and the increased need for bathrooms. According to Kathy Bagley, a tent will be permitted under this circumstance but needs to be removed by noon the following day.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl M. Gardow