

Smith-Harris House Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 26, 2009

Present: Beth Hogan
Carol Marelli
Gary Lakowsky
Maggi Prokop
Richard MacDonald
Jim Littlefield

Chairlady Hogan called the August 26, 2009 Smith-Harris House Commission Meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

1. Delegations. There were no delegations.
2. Friends. Ms. Cutillo was unable to be present.

Mr. Littlefield reported he attended a Friends' Meeting. The Friends will have a Farmers' Market on Heritage Weekend.

They plan to have a Tree Festival this year.

3. Ex-Officio Report. There was no ex-officio report.
4. Agenda Additions. There were no agenda additions.
5. Approval of Minutes. Approval of the July 22, 2009 Smith-Harris House Commission Regular Meeting Minutes was tabled until the next meeting of this Commission.

6. Finance Report.

- a. Status Update. Mr. MacDonald reported there is \$5,710.90 in the Smith-Harris House budget and \$3,451.96 encumbered.

- b. New Reimbursements. There were no bills submitted for reimbursement.

7. Chairlady's Report. Ms. Hogan felt the Barnacle event was great. Mr. Lakowsky reported many individuals that evening expressed an interest in touring the house.

Emails were received from concerned citizens regarding affordable housing zones.

8. New Business.

a. August/September 09 rental. There was nothing to report on rentals for August or September.

9. Old Business

a. Status Update from Members on the “to do list” Potential fall projects. Ms. Marelli plans to be at the house at 9 a.m. to work on the grounds. All Commission members were asked to help.

10. Committee Projects/Special Committees.

a. Heritage Weekend 2009. There was a general consensus of the Commission to give the Friends \$1700 towards expenses for Heritage Weekend.

Ms. Marelli is waiting for responses from some groups.

Ms. Hogan and Mr. Lakowsky will work on fundraising.

The Lions have agreed to provide food for Heritage Weekend.

Mr. MacDonald reported Fox 61 in Hartford has agreed to promote Heritage Weekend. Two members may speak at 7:45 a.m. on September 29.

b. New Programs for 2010—Brainstorming Ideas. The following suggestions were presented: Bluegrass, Big Dog, Brass Band, a one act play, a barbershop chorus, and local artists painting something on the property and an auction of the art, a tag sale, allowing individuals to pay for a table and sell their items, a Farmers’ Market and monthly displays. Ms. Marelli suggested that an event be planned on Open House Day.

11. Outside Meetings

a. Five Rivers. Mr. MacDonald had nothing new to report on Five Rivers.

b. Historical Society. Ms. Prokop reported plans are being made to add an animal pen for a cost of \$432.46.

The Historical Society would like to put an addition on the barn.

An Art Show is being considered at the Lee House.

It is going to cost \$1,254 for electricity at the East Lyme Information Center.

Nancy Kahal will march with a team of oxen during the Light Parade.

Granite stone is being taken from the Old Stone Church and old ice house at Gorton Pond to be used at the Thomas Lee House.

The Director of the Children's Museum would like to have a working relationship with the Lee House.

All Board members are receptive to have the Voyager Weekend from April 19-26.

The July 4 and 5 Flea Market received receipts of \$1,589.95 and expenses of \$116.21.

Ms. Prokop reported the 350th anniversary of the Thomas Lee House will be held on September 11, 2010.

c. Other Items/Events. There was no discussion of other items/events.

12. Adjournment.

The August 26, 2009 Smith-Harris House Commission Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Gheri, Recording Secretary