

Torrington Historic Preservation Trust
Board Meeting
February 7, 2013

A meeting of the THPT was held at 7 p.m. on February 7, 2013 in the Torrington Historical Society Carriage House. Board members present were: Tom Ethier, Linda Beyus, Roberta Boe, Mike Boe, Mark McEachern, Ed Cook, Chuck Perret, Marc Trivella and Gail Kruppa. Invited guests included Stephen Michna, Travis Lipinski, John Manson and Ed Cannata.

1. Officers: Tom Ethier announced that he will be stepping down as President of the THPT. Mark volunteered to serve as the interim president until a new president is elected.
2. Other Business: Linda inquired as to the status of the website. Stephen Michna is still willing to work on this with Ed Cook and Tom Ethier. Linda offered to assist with copy editing work. Mark M. suggested that we share ideas about the site via email to get the project underway. Ideas for the website were discussed briefly. It was suggested that the THPT get the site up and running with basic information as soon as possible and then add information to the site whenever possible. Tom suggested that we have a history of the THPT, our purpose etc. Linda has clippings from newspaper articles that we could add to the site. Stephen suggested that we list the names of board members.
3. Dues: Linda reminded the group that we have not paid dues in quite some time. It was decided that dues in the amount of \$20 or \$25 should be paid by members as soon as possible. It was suggested that an email reminder be sent to board members.
4. Skee's Diner: Mark provided background information about Skee's Diner which is currently owned by the Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber has abandoned its idea of moving the diner and using it as a welcome center; it is now willing to donate the diner to a 501(c)3. Skee's Diner has to be moved by April 24th. Mike informed the group that an individual has come forward who will move the diner for free and provide storage at a cost of \$200 / month. Although the Torrington Historical Society was hoping to acquire the diner, Mark informed the group that the Board of Directors has voted against such an acquisition. As such, it was suggested that the THPT acquire the diner. Discussion then ensued about costs associated with moving and restoring the diner and whether the THPT was able to take on the project. Mark informed the group that there is a good possibility that the Historical Society will loan money to the THPT. After a lengthy and enthusiastic discussion about the possibility of taking on ownership of Skee's Diner, Ed Cook made a motion that the Torrington Historic Preservation Trust acquire and restore Skee's Diner and keep it in Torrington. So voted.
5. Other Business: The group decided to meet in the Torrington Historical Society Carriage House on Wednesday, February 27th at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Gail Kruppa
Secretary

THPT MINUTES

THPT 5/12/2011

Mike Boe, Ed Cook, Chuck Perret, Mark, Tom Ethier, Bill Haygood, Bruno Bagnaschi, Linda Beyus, Gail, patricia

Meeting called to order: 6:05

Certified Local govt: 5members three alternates

HISTORIC PROPERTIES STUDY COMMITTEE: appt by the mayor

Steve Michna, Mike Boe, Marc Trivella, Todd Bryda, Patricia

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Alternates: Tom,Mark, Bruno

Carol will help with research; model documents also available for use in developing our own ifnroamtion

Rose and Marty will likely help as well

Only one property is needed to develop clg: using City Hall (we can add more later)

Tom will forward email from the mayor to everyone

KELLEY PROPERTY:

Mark: Kevin Nelson (family representative of Kelley family/realtor) wants to distribute money from sale of Kelley property to elderly relatives. Cannot do until there is some assurance of the other property not having any pollution

According to KN, most effective way to remove contaminated soil is to tear down buildings.

SUMMARY: Potential release or release areas PRA vs RA

Building 1A – garage building

Marks understanding: most of the pollution is away from the building

Not much is detected in this building

No confirmation of pollutants in the garage building

Family still must deal with abatement – even if the buildings are torn down

Advantages to leaving the building up: tax credits available

2007 study – probably commissioned by Kelley family

Demolition permit: ED – talk with them now – before the permit is applied for

Kevin was Open minded about tax benefits

Mike: everyone was aware of the pollution for many years

Meet with Kevin, rose, marty etc. and ask some hard questions

Mike – have environmental engineer review report

Establish a date for a meeting with Kevin; in meantime research garage and building, plan for delay, vocal opposition, etc.

Subcommittee: Patricia bill Linda to research and write an article for the paper
Research on garage so that another article is ready to go

Meeting with Kevin: Tom, Bruno, Mark, Ed, bill
ED -

Mike: offered to meet with Kevin after meeting if necessary:

THPT – can designate a commercial building as historic (for purpose of tax credits)

Mike: funding for transportation buildings available from National Trust

FARMERS MARKET IDEA/?/

Patricia – funds available for assisting with purchase of properties etc.

Bruno moved to adjrouend mike 2nd 9'