



-Approved-
Thomas Darling House Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 9, 2020 at 4:30 pm via WebEx

Meeting Video:

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Present - Committee Members: Richard Blackwell-Chairman, Stephanie Ciarleglio, Leland Torrence, Donald Menzies, Chris Sorensen (joined approximately 4:47pm)

BOS Liaison: Sandra Stein

Preservation Architect: Richard Wies (joined approximately 4:36 pm)

First Selectman: Beth Heller

1. Meeting was called to order at 4:34pm.
2. **October 13, 2020 Meeting Minutes:** Dick Blackwell motioned to approve minutes; Stephanie Ciarleglio seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
Vote: Yes - Richard Blackwell, Stephanie Ciarleglio, Donald Menzies, Leland Torrence
3. **Grounds Clean-Up Update:** The grounds clean-up and landscaping completed by Chris Sorensen were discussed. Pictures of completed work were shown by Chair Blackwell. Discussion took place regarding the removal of overgrowth on the Litchfield Tpke. side of the stone wall. (Overgrowth by the stone wall on the Thomas Darling House property was already removed.)
Motion: Dick Blackwell motioned to clear overgrowth from the roadside section of the stone wall (Litchfield Tpke. side); Leland Torrence seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
Vote: Yes - Richard Blackwell, Stephanie Ciarleglio, Donald Menzies, Leland Torrence
4. **Schoolhouse Removal & Disposal from Cow Barn Update:** Don Menzies reported that the schoolhouse was successfully removed from the cow barn by Chris Sorensen with the assistance of Town staff and relocated to a Woodbridge resident's home. While it was mentioned that the Survey and Planning Grant would cover all three barns, Don Menzies noted that the AWHs is waiting for the official grant award from the State.

5. **Picket Fence Restoration Proposal Status:** Don Menzies expects this project to take place in the spring as overgrowth has been removed by AWHs volunteers.
6. **Hazardous Materials Ground Assessment Status:** Sandy Stein reported that the QVHD is currently occupied with COVID cases and not available to address hazardous materials. Sandy opened discussion among Committee members to determine whether hazardous materials ground assessment remains to be a critical undertaking by the Committee. While there were differing views among members, the Committee agreed that looking at baseline information that may exist in Town records from previously completed environmental testing would make sense. It was thought test results from 2006 as well as results from a more recent lead abatement project involving the exterior of the Darling House should be available. Chair Blackwell will follow through with Gerry Shaw as she was noted as a key resource for obtaining this information.
7. **AWHS/Committee Joint Work Process:** Rick Wies reported that he had the opportunity to speak with Alexia Belperron from the AWHs. A process to exchange information about activities the Committee wants to undertake to further the mission needs to be developed. The process discussed is for Chair Blackwell to summarize Committee approved activities in a communication to First Selectman Beth Heller with copy to Alexia Belperron at the AWHs. This process will allow follow-up discussion between the BOS and the AWHs.
8. **Next Meeting:** Monday, December 7, 2020 at 4:30 pm.
Motion: Dick Blackwell motioned to hold the next Committee meeting on Monday, December 7, 2020; Stephanie Ciarleglio seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
Vote: Yes - Richard Blackwell, Stephanie Ciarleglio, Donald Menzies, Leland Torrence, Chris Sorensen

Discussions pertaining to garden options will be included in the December meeting agenda.

9. Meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted: *Toni Belenski*