

## THPT Minutes

June 3, 2013

A meeting of the Torrington Historic Preservation Trust was held in the Torrington Historical Society Carriage House on June 3, 2013. Ed Cook, president, called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. The following board members were in attendance: Ed Cook, Travis Lipinski, Mark McEachern, Marc Trivella, Bruno Bagnaschi, Bobbi Boe, Mike Boe, Bill Haygood, Linda Beyus, Tom Ethier, Chuck Perret, Ed Cannata and Gail Kruppa. Clarice Pietrefase was also in attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as corrected.

**Treasurer's report:** Mark McEachern reported that the current balance in the checking account is \$3,531.47. In addition, Travis Lipinski reported on the "petty cash" fund (scrap metal): current balance of \$221.00.

**Website Subcommittee report:** Linda reported that the website should be live in approximately one week.

**Marketing Subcommittee report:** Ed Cannata reported that the committee has been discussing various potential fundraisers including: a car show, a concert, and a possible movie at the Warner. Tom Ethier's band "Brown", has offered their services for a fundraising concert. Clarice will talk to Paul Samele about holding the event at P Sam's. Members of the Trust will also have a booth at the Main Street Marketplace to promote the Skee's project and the Trust. Bobbi has offered to design a brochure to hand out to the public; it is estimated that 1,000 brochures would cost approximately \$110. Bruno Bagnaschi made a motion to print 1,000 brochures. Marc Trivella seconded the motion. So voted. Ed Cannata also reported that the Facebook page is up and running. Travis has been updating it regularly.

**Skee's Diner report:** Ed Cook updated the group on recent activity regarding Skee's Diner. Marty Marola took it upon himself to move the diner off the flatbed. Recent deconstruction projects have included the following: installing cribbing under the diner, removing the roof, and removing an air handler.

MM reported that John Bekasi has volunteered to help with carpentry projects on the diner. Ed Cook asked Mark to forward his informal list of volunteers. Mark M. will also contact Jo-An Ryan, Chamber of Commerce regarding ownership status of the diner. Ed Cook has set up a meeting with the City regarding a possible site for Skee's Diner. Ed has asked Ed Cannata to design notecards to be sent to donors.

**Open Floor:** Discussed idea of maintaining a progress report/blog about Skee's to keep a presence (post snapshots, weekly updates, answer people who comment). It was also decided that the THPT and Skee's websites should overlap.

Update on Certified Local Government status: Mark M. reported that the City needs to establish a Historic Property commission and Mark suggested that logical candidates would be THPT members. Mark will send out more information to interested THPT board members.

Bruno Bagnaschi made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom Ethier seconded the motion. So voted. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail Kruppa, Secretary