

Torrington Historic Preservation Trust
Board of Directors Meeting
February 27, 2013

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the THPT was held on February 27, 2013 in the Torrington Historical Society Carriage House. The meeting began at 6:30 p.m. Present were: Linda Beyus, Bruno Bagnaschi, Mike Boe, Ed Cannata, Ed Cook, Tom Ethier, Travis Lipinski, Mark McEachern, John Manson, Chuck Perret, Marc Trivella, and Gail Kruppa.

Minutes: A motion was made to accept the minutes of the previous meeting; Linda Beyus seconded the motion. So voted.

Election of directors: Mark M. reviewed the bylaws for the Preservation Trust regarding the number of directors. The bylaws indicate a maximum of 15 board members. Currently, the THPT has twelve directors. Mark presented the board with proposed terms of office and also made a motion to add John Manson, Travis Lipinski and Ed Cannata to the existing board of directors the board. Bruno Bagnaschi seconded the motion. So voted.

Mark will forward a copy of the bylaws to each board member.

Election of officers: The following slate of officers was elected: Ed Cook, president; Linda Beyus, Vice President; Gail Kruppa, Secretary; and Mark McEachern, Treasurer. Mark will replace Mary Kilmer, who has served as Treasurer for many years.

Skee's Diner: Mark M. announced that the Chamber unanimously voted to give the diner to the THPT. *This must remain confidential until the THPT and the chamber agree with the timing of the public announcement as well as the details of the agreement.* The board reviewed a proposed agreement between the THPT and the Chamber. Discussion then turned to various issues including: work needed to move the diner before the April 24th deadline; environmental concerns and liability issues with regard to lead paint; details of the agreement between the Chamber and St. Maron's Church. Michael Magistrali has offered to review the legal agreements between the Chamber and St. Maron's Church. Mike Boe suggested that we talk with Susan Strand about our questions/concerns regarding environmental issues.

Mark M. also reviewed information from the State Historic Preservation Office. He also informed the group that any work inside or out (which impacts the historic integrity of the structure) needs to be approved by the SHPO. Mark also informed the group that he will meet with his board next week and at that meeting, he plans to ask for a loan – and possibly a donation – of \$6,000 to the Torrington Historic Preservation Trust. Travis and John offered to work with Mike Boe on getting the diner ready for the move. Linda offered to assist on a subcommittee to organize work parties.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Next meeting: March 13, 2013, 6:30 p.m. at the Torrington Historical Society.

Immediately following the meeting, Ed Cannata presented a photo mock-up showing Skee's Diner at a potential site: the municipal lot near the library.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Kruppa, Secretary

