

# Minutes

Asa Waters Task Force

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MILLBURY, MASS

Date: March 13, 2012

Time: 6:00 PM

Chairperson-Sandy Cristo called meeting to order at 6:08 PM

Present: Sandy Cristo, Jeff Dore, Linda Pothier, Dennis Hill, Catherine Elliott, and Carol Vulter

Absent: Armand White, Judy Murphy, and Mary Griffith

Minutes of February meeting were available to read, and were accepted. as amended.

Prior to business part of the meeting, the Task Force met with Wayne Salo. He was present to address repairs to the columns on the School Street portico. He gave us an update on what he has learned on the testing that would be needed prior to determining a price to repair the rot that is getting worse by the year. He mentioned that it was a problem back when the building was stripped and painted many years ago.

1. Directors report- Catherine talked about the following:
  - A. The Millbury High School prom which is scheduled for a Saturday evening in May, and that it conflicts with a rental. She will notify the High School about this.
  - B. Catherine received a price to repaint the second floor bathroom clean it up. She will advise The Friends of the cost.
  - C. Catherine also indicated that a price was received to paint and repair the Kitchen. The best option for the ceiling is to have it boarded and plastered. A request will be made to Friends for funding.
  - D. A Millbury resident has a 1860's vintage organ and would like to donate it to the Mansion. At this time the members felt that it was not needed, because there is one in the East Parlor already.
  - E. Catherine reminded us of the need to repair the exterior sills on west and north facades
2. Old Business:
  - A. The Task Force visited various locations in the yard to find appropriate place for the two wayside signs that are being provided by Blackstone Valley Heritage Corridor Commission. The majority of the members present felt that the best two locations would be 1.) corner of walkway near bulkhead, and 2.) near the Elm Street/ west corner of the building backed up to the bushes.
  - B. Dennis informed everyone that Tim Born selected to do the flower bed area at the lower part of the School Street entrance, as his eagle scout project.
  - C. Dennis is awaiting the price quote for repairs to gazebo from Tom Murphy.

*W. Murphy*

- D. Dennis Hill explained his ideas for the "photo grotto" to be located near the stone structure at the rear of the west lawn. A unanimous vote indicated that the preferred option was option A.
  - E. Sandy Cristo discussed communications that she had with the nursery in Rhode Island, gave the prices she received for two of the four species that were recommended. Other two were unavailable.
3. New Business-
- A. Dennis and Jeff are working on the granite supports for the wayside signs.
  - B. Sandy Cristo asked what we thought about converting the Mansion to natural gas. Jeff will research cost and availability.

Motion was made to adjourn at 8:18 PM by Linda Pothier. Seconded by Dennis Hill. So voted

Respectfully submitted.      Jeffrey Dore- Clerk

Next meeting will be April 3, 2012

*Sandy Cristo* \_\_\_\_\_ *Dennis Hill* \_\_\_\_\_  
*Jeffrey Dore* \_\_\_\_\_  
*Mary L. Griffith* \_\_\_\_\_  
*Arnold J. Hill* \_\_\_\_\_