

The Willington Historical Society
Minutes of the Meeting
Tuesday, March 19, 2024

Call to Order: The meeting was held at the Willington Library. The meeting was called to order by President Mark Masinda at 3:05 pm.

Members present: Mark Masinda, Sue Schur, Shari Masinda, Julie Engelke, Donna Caplette, Bob Shabot, Ralph Amwake. Also attending: Bryan Lauriat (Ameriprise).

Present to Speak: Bryan Lauriat. Reviewed past year's portfolio return. Made diversification suggestions to rebalance funds. Discussion of long term investment strategies. M. Masinda Motion to approve longer term investment strategy to include bond funds, R. Amwake seconds. Motion approved.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from Feb were reviewed. D. Caplette motion to approve, J. Engelke seconds. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: S. Schur presents revised Treasurers report that reflects rebalancing of asset accounts. R. Amwake motion to approve Treasurer's Report, R. Shabot seconds. Approved.

Old Business

- A. Fund-raising calendar. Still looking for photos of Willington businesses and families. Timetable focus on Flea Market (Sept.) availability. Considering first print run of 100. Meeting on Apr. 2nd @ 10:30 am at Tavern to review photos.
- B. Code compliance: R. Shabot to check with architect.
- C. Inventory of Glazier Tavern filed with insurance company. Updated paperwork has been filed.
- D. M. Masinda attended Assessment Appeal meeting on Mar. 11th. Appeal approved, land parcel should now be tax exempt.
- E. ARPA funds available for Tavern garage renovation; R. Shabot to contact contractors for pricing to do concrete work and discuss garage doors.

New Business

- A. J. Engelke discusses upcoming speaker, Robert Harris. His Sundays are available. She will confirm April 28th @ 3 pm at Willington Library.
- B. J. Engelke discusses possibility of Richard Franklin Donohue of Cromwell (rfranklindonohue.com) to present Musick of CT's Revolution, combining history with music. Additional suggestions include Paul Norton, expert on trunks; M. Masinda and P. Weigold discussion button making; Sarah Sportman for next talk in her series.
- C. R. Shabot discusses Willington's 300 anniversary to include small, local events and highlight local industries.

Meeting adjourned at 5:18 pm. Next meeting April 16, 2024 at the Glazier Tavern.

Respectfully submitted,

Shari Masinda

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