

## Real Property Committee

### MINUTES

Gov. Trumbull War Office, Lebanon, CT.

August 22, 2015

The Meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM, by Dave Packard. In attendance were Real Property Committee Members; Bob Rivard, John Keeney, Burt Chapman, Dave Packard. Also, in attendance were Board of Manager Members; Daniel Benoit, Ethan Stewart, William Robbins, Damien Cregeau. Guests included; Jennifer Eifrig, Donna Baron, Steve Marshall, Fredrick Rivard.

Prior to the start of this meeting, all of the above mentioned, assisted in moving and setting up the Museum contents from the storage container back into the War Office. Dave Packard thanked everyone for their efforts.

With regret, we accepted the resignation of long time Property Committee member, Burt Chapman. He has served us well as a committee member and as a docent. We have his assurance that he will continue to serve as our main man in New London. Burt has always been available for 14 to 16 volunteer days per year. For his dedication we awarded him the CTSSAR Meritorious Service Medal and Certificate.

To fill Burt's vacancy, Damien Cregeau volunteered and was approved by the full committee. His selection met the approval of CTSSAR President Ethan Stewart.

Jennifer E. explained the reasons for the loss of the 1772 Foundation grant pertaining to the repairs and painting of the Nathan Hale Schoolhouse in East Haddam. We will apply again in the future, possibly with the Community Foundation of Middlesex County.

#### ON GOING PROJECTS:

The War office is 99% complete except for phase 2 of the security system, landscaping, and plexiglass window coverings. Steve Marshall to install the most economical product available. Our main concern is window breakage.

Climate control at Nathan Hale Schoolhouse in New London is waiting for permit approval.

The rock wall construction being conducted by Dave Perkins is waiting for cooler weather to set in.

The scanner, photo copier slated for the archives housed in the basement of Nathan Hale in New London is progressing. This is being purchased through a grant from the Society of the Cincinnati.

#### FUTURE PROJECTS:

Repairs and painting of Nathan Hale in East Haddam. Removed from on going projects.

War Office projects: finish the upstairs; strip and sand the floors and bring them back to natural wood; address the drainage situation at the front of the building; install an interpretive panel in the front for visitors when we are closed. All to be accomplished through grant money.

Nathan Hale in New London, sills and window repair might have to be accomplished sooner than later, wood is rotting and putty is falling out. Painting the building will follow.

Lighting the flagpole in East Haddam has to be looked into further. A suggestion is to remount brackets on the building and display the American and SAR flags.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Dave P. will meet with Courtney Reardon, author of Haunted Mystic: The History Press – Haunted America Series, to set up visits at our 3 sites. Courtney has assured us that her goal is within historical preservation rather than a spooky attraction.

The War Office will reopen on October 3<sup>rd</sup> to coincide with Lebanon's Walktober.

The Fall Food Stroll in New London is on October 14<sup>th</sup>, we have been asked to open the Schoolhouse for the Charter Oak Brewing Co. Again, we will accommodate, pending insurance verification.

The annual Lebanon Tree Lighting will be held on Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, the War Office will be open for visitors.

It was suggested that we have a CTSSAR 125<sup>th</sup> Celebration at the War Office on or around June 12, 2016. It will be a massive undertaking, possibly being coordinated by a professional.

#### OTHER MATTERS:

A gentleman by the name of F. Phil Geraci from East Haddam donated a picture of a plaque showing the location of the burial site of Nathan Hale in New York City. It was verified as authentic by Jennifer Eifrig and Donna Baron. We will frame and display at both Nathan Hale Schoolhouses. Dave P. to thank Mr. Geraci for his donation.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT:

It was reported by Dave P. that the Properties budget and the War Office restoration project are within their projection. Treasurer, Daniel Benoit submitted his report of 8/22/15 verifying these facts.

Bob Rivard made a motion to adjourn at 12:05 PM, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Packard, CTSSAR Real Property Steward