

Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

Real Property Committee Report

February 11, 2021

It has been awhile since a report has been submitted, September 13, 2020 to be exact. I am happy to report that nothing has happened to distract from this pause, except for the great toll on our wellbeing. As mentioned on the June 11th report, the City of New London needed to put their act together, and they did. The City of New London through the Parking Authority cleaned the property surrounding the Nathan Hale Schoolhouse. Stephen Taylor, Joshua Taylor along with the Parking Authority spent several hours chasing down the circuit breaker for the electrical outlet that is attached to the Schoolhouse. this is being used by many causing small disturbances. The breaker is not located in our building nor at the parking garage. It remains a mystery and we might never know. They are doing their best to handle the vagrants and keeping the area clean.

Treasurer, Ted Nelson, myself and our vendors have been working to eliminate paper invoices sent through the mail by adding both our email addresses to the accounts. This eliminates a step, on my part and allows Ted to make electronic transfers for payment. We only have two more that need to be attended to.

On February 4, 2021, the Real Property Committee, attended by; Stephen Taylor, James Rothgeb, Joshua Taylor and Dave Packard met via ZOOM to discuss the 2021 Properties Budget. This budget proposal reflects the fact that we will be attempting to open the buildings on June 2nd. We are prepared to eliminate several items if it is determined to remain closed. The budget that we will be requesting is bare bones with no projects added. If the Manross Memorial Fund is generous enough to grant the \$10,000 as requested, we will be able to add a few of the Pending Projects. Several questions were raised concerning our longstanding program of dues reimbursement for docents. It was determined that it is costly and does not follow the true meaning of Volunteerism, therefore it will be eliminated. If we choose to reopen, how will we handle the safety of the public and our docents? Proof of vaccination? Will we be able to have enough

volunteers to make it worthwhile? After reviewing and editing the budget request, all agreed to present this budget request at the Board of Managers meeting on February 20, 2021. (view budget for 2021 on our web site.)

All items listed under Pending Projects, except, Table Cloths and Review of Artifacts are old business. The drainage situation in Lebanon and the flagpole repairs in East Haddam should take priority. Next should be the Reviewing of Artifacts. Under our Liability and Commercial Property insurance policy, Fine Arts Schedule and Floater requires our review to determine if there should be a need for any additions or subtractions. Table cloths in the War Office need replacement, many years of mice damage and fading make this necessary. Cost will be dependent on type of material used.

I would like to add that through all of this downturn that the members of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in East Haddam have gone over and above their required lawn mowing duties by trimming around the property. Therefore, we have added a \$200 donation for their extra effort. To go along with this, the Coast Guard cadets were unavailable to help with the fall cleanup and heavy brush removal in East Haddam. We will need to plan for spring and fall work parties.

Here's hoping that everyone stays healthy and safe.

Respectfully submitted:

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