

Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

Real Property Committee Report

August 25, 2019

The Docent Appreciation Dinner was held on May 19th at the Town Tavern in East Haddam. We enjoyed an evening of good company and an excellent meal.

Friday, June 7th was opening day for the museum visitor season and we have reached out to past and future volunteer docents with encouraging results. We have rehired our past paid docent at the War Office with her signing up for most of the season.

The budgeted signage items were completed at New London and East Haddam. Exterior repairs and painting, interior plastering and painting were completed in New London. The flagpole repairs in East Haddam are pending.

On Friday, June 7th, the annual East Haddam 3rd grade School Days Program went very well except many students were covered in ticks. That afternoon I met with Bartlett Tree Experts to discuss gypsy moth spraying and removing several dead trees and the added tick situation. Gypsy moth spraying remained at \$255 per application. Tick spraying will be \$150 now and another \$150 in the fall prior to the property cleanup. Tree removal estimates include \$1,400 for 4 trees. \$1,400 for the large Ash that is in the lower parking lot on the property that St Stephen's leases from us.

A meeting was set up for June 18th with Rev. Adam Yates, church Wardens and myself to discuss the possibility of splitting the cost of the single \$1,400 tree removal. We also discussed the possibility of running power from the church to the flagpole for lighting. Several weeks later, Rev. Yates notified me that one of their parishioners had volunteered and cut the tree down. I have not heard back concerning the power to the flagpole.

June 19th, I met with Dave Denoia, Public Works Superintendent, City of New London. We discussed the flagpole repairs and the property cleanup surrounding the schoolhouse. He took immediate action and corrected both items.

The Property Committee presented NSSAR Good Citizenship Certificates on August 16th and August 21st to 3 area businesses; Montville Hardware, Camaro Signs of Norwich, Minuteman Press of Norwich, for their continued support of our School Programs and our many projects.

To date, the season has met with moderate success. Final numbers will be shared before the next Board of Managers Meeting.

Thank you to all.

Respectfully submitted:

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