REAL PROPERTY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Russell Library, Middletown, CT.
January 30,2016

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Dave Packard. In attendance were Real Property Committee Members; Bob Rivard, Damien Cregeau, Dave Packard. Also attending were CTSSAR Board of Manager Members; Paul Selnau, Todd Gerlander, Lee Gerlander, David Perkins, Ethan Stewart. Guests include; Grant Writer and Consultant, Jennifer Eifrig and CTSSAR member Randy Gerlander.

At this time we entertained a brief statement from CTSSAR President, Ethan Stewart. President Stewart thanked the Committee for their outstanding job, especially during the summer months. He urged us to seek more volunteers to act as docents, eliminating the need for having paid employees. There is a concern about our artifacts, a search needs to be conducted locating items either in our possession or at other organizations. Todd Gerlander will assist in this project. Our latest grant that was submitted for work at the War Office for $54,000 only yielded $14,000. A portion of this was slated to support the solution concerning the crawl space and property flooding. It now appears that the full amount of $14,000 will be used to fix this problem. Paul Selnau has volunteered his time to help find a cost effective solution. We need to continue to encourage transparency, future grant applications must be submitted to the Executive Committee for approval, prior to being submitted.

CTSSAR Treasurer, Daniel Benoit, has requested that the Real Property Committee vote to change our checking account from Liberty Bank to First Niagara Bank, where the General Society has their account. A motion was made by Damien Cregeau to approve this resolution. After a short discussion the motion was carried.

The annual budget was reviewed, with some minor changes, it will be submitted at the next Board of Managers meeting in February. The Committee is requesting $21,263 to be withdrawn from the Manross Account.

Ongoing and upcoming projects were discussed. As reported previously, the War Office is 99% complete, with several cosmetic items remaining. The water problem in the crawl space and the property flooding needs our immediate attention. We will direct the $14,000 grant money in that direction. New London, Nathan Hale is waiting for word from the Frank Loomis Palmer Fund for $10,000 to begin the $12,000 first floor window and sill restoration. The work at East Haddam, Nathan Hale is on hold pending a new application for grant money. This project includes: window rework, repairing wood trim damage, exterior paint and roof shingle sealing. To help with one of these projects, a Compatriot has generously pledged funds to support any project in New London and East Haddam. This Committee will seek funding to match or exceed this donation.

It was recommended, that this Committee submit to the Board of Managers any hiring of docents for their approval. Dave Packard reported that he would like to bring back two previous docents at the War Office to fill in for the absence of volunteers.

Jennifer Eifrig, discussed our grant application process. She suggested several ways to be better informed and to cut down on our lead time. The Committee will take action on these recommendations. Jennifer reported on the status of our grants. The grant for work in East Haddam was rejected, we will

reapply. The Adams grant for Lebanon came in at $14,00. The Frank Loomis Palmer Fund for New London is pending. We have applied for funding with The Society of the Cincinnati to assist the 125 Celebration at the War Office in October of 2016.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David Packard

Dave Packard
CTSSAR Real Property Steward