

**CHILI HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
BOARD MEETING  
January 10, 2011  
APPROVED MINUTES**

Meeting called to order 7:00pm. Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Bonnie Moore Chair, Nancy Austin, Vice Chair and Acting Secretary, Linda Hamilton, Peter Widener, Phil Supernault, Michael (Pat) Tata, Rona Pearce, Secretary and Mary Sperr Town Board Liaison

Guest was Earl Pearce

Unapproved minutes of June 14<sup>th</sup> were discussed. A couple of corrections were made and a motion made by Linda Hamilton and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Phil Supernault to approve these minutes. Rona will send these approved minutes to Dawn Forte.

Unapproved minutes of November 8<sup>th</sup> were reviewed and corrected. Motion was made by Rona and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peter Widener to approve. Minutes approved and will be sent to Dawn Forte for town record.

**Welcomed back Rona Pearce** – Rona Pearce was able to join us after an illness and everyone is very grateful to have her back. Rona will continue on the board, but does not wish to serve as Secretary.

Bonnie reported she has been in contact with Emily Sherring a new Democrat and Chronicle reporter. She will be coming to Bonnie's office on January 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss various articles to print in the newspaper. One suggestion Bonnie gave was to feature a town historian column. Bonnie is encouraging very positive articles for the local newspapers. Also, the Town Winter/Spring 2011 newsletter that was recently sent to Chili homes contained an article from Bonnie "Witnessing the Past: From the Tales of Two Chili Seniors".

Bonnie thanked Mary Sperr for getting \$1,000 of 2010 funds to be incumbered into the 2011 budget monies to help cover the printing of the Barn Booklet. This will also help in the cost of expense from the artist Karlene VanDuesen. The board will be meeting with RJ Printing to get an idea of the cost of printing this book. Minute Man Press was another suggestion for us to get another price, before a decision is made to print this booklet.

**Barns Booklet** – Linda Hamilton presented a worksheet with all the barns we have picked out to look at and put in our book. We have approximately 60 barns we will be sending letters out to the owners, asking if they would be interested in participating and having their barn featured. We also are considering memories of barns that are gone. Karlene VanDuesen has been going around and getting pictures of some of the barns we are considering for the front cover. One barn, the board would like to feature is what was one time called the Checkered Tavern. This barn is located at the corner of Stottle Road and Morgan Road. This barn (tavern) is believed to have held the first Town Board meeting. Bonnie will compose a letter to send to these barn owners. Linda will update the list and send to Dawn Forte to help us get names of the owners at these addresses. Mary suggested Dawn and the town assessor's office should be able to do a merge file to print these letters out and send them out soon. It was decided to ask them to return an answer to us by February 11<sup>th</sup>.

Phil suggested we get some updated pictures, then have a story written, which could include such things as the increase in taxes on these barns over the years, perhaps folklore and ghost stories of the barns. Also, what a barn was built for years ago and what it is used for today. Some discussion evolved around Higbys Farm Supply Store. It was built as a train station, but was moved across the tracks as a grain and hay storage barn for many local farmers. How the business has changed over

the years as rural changes to suburbia. It was also suggested we do a dedication in this book such as past farmers. Some suggestions were given for a title such as the Legacy of Chili Barns. There are many types of barns in this group.

Timeline suggestion to be as follows:

February – Discuss any letters received from the mailings and follow up

March – Work on home information of Francis and Kathy Dougherty, 429 Fisher Rd.

Nancy will contact them to meet with them possible dates of February 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> or March 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> 1-2PM Nancy, Peter and Bonnie agreed to meet them and anyone else that may be available.

April – Barn Stories and Title page

May – writing and photos. Home landmark dedication

June – proofing

July/August – wrap up book for going to print

Bonnie received a phone call from a person by the name of Eugene Lucy, whose great grandfather was Minoa. Peter will contact Mr. Lucy to follow up on information.

#### **2011 Election of Officers –**

Bonnie Moore – Chairman

Peter Widener – Vice Chairman

Nancy Austin – Secretary

Motion made by Michael (Pat) Tata and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rona Pearce to have secretary cast one ballot for the slate as stated. Motion carried.

The listing of Chili Historic Preservation Board for 2011 was updated with corrected e-mail addresses, phone numbers and term expiration. Michael offered to update the list and email to everyone, thank you Michael.

**Master Plan** – Phil Supernault has been our representative to the 2030 Comprehensive plan. He has enjoyed this committee and has had a great learning experience for this. They are getting to the home stretch and currently working on Chapter 4. He has to make comments on each chapter. There are 6 chapters all together. They expect to be finished by June of this year. They have been going over maps and drainage districts to make adjustments. There were originally about 20 people and now consist of approximately 10 people. Phil has spent many hours on this committee. Many thanks go to Phil for representing our Board on this Comprehensive plan.

Motion was made by Peter and seconded by Linda Hamilton to adjourn. Meeting adjourned 9:00pm Board adjourned.

Next meeting will be held Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall meeting room.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Austin, Acting Secretary