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ST. MARGARET'S COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting

October 26, 2011

Members present: Chairman Paul Fredricks, Rosemarie Zengen, Linda Keeling, Patrick Hildenbrand, Kathy Douris (4:26 P.M.) Absent: Michael Brown

CALL TO ORDER/QUORUM: Chairman Paul Fredricks called the meeting to order at 4:12 P.M. A quorum was present. Rosemarie Zengen noted that the Committee welcomed Patrick Hildenbrand as a newly appointed member.

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 28, 2011 MEETING: Linda Keeling requested that the minutes be prepared in a larger print font. She added that under the CALL TO ORDER, they should note that a quorum has been met. Under the MINUTES OF THE RESCHEDULED AUGUST 17 MEETING, Linda Keeling noted that she abstained. Under STATE FUNDING on page 2, Linda added that she noted that the Committee cannot use past volunteer hours as a match on a current grant application. Under FUNDRAISERS, page 3, Linda added that due to the amount of free events and the time frame, the Committee decided not to do any fundraising until perhaps the Spring.” Linda produced a copy of the minutes with all her corrections.

Rosemarie Zengen asked that under the FUTURE LANDSCAPING AND SITE USE PLAN that the Secretary include the question of park or parking; Susan Ellis noted that it was addressed in the motion paragraph.

Kathy Douris noted that she had not received her copy of the minutes, and asked that they be tabled.

Paul Fredricks made a motion that the minutes be tabled until the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Rosemarie Zengen and all voted aye.

LETTER TO THE TOWN BOARD RE: USE OF ST. MARGARET'S HOME: Rosemarie Zengen wrote a letter, typed by Linda Keeling, asking the Town Board what is being considered for St. Margaret's Home in light of a letter received from Town Attorney Chris Chale. The Committee position adamantly

supports the preservation of St. Margaret's Home as a community resource, and opposes the sale of the building and grounds to any organization. Committee members discussed changes or additions to the letter, noting that the letter from the Town Attorney should have been distributed to all the Committee members, not just the Chairman. Patrick Hildenbrand made suggestions about the letterhead and options for printing stationery. Rosemarie Zengen suggested that the letter be printed on ecru paper, and will ask F&M Printing what they can do for the Committee.

Kathy Douris made a motion that the letter be sent after the revision is complete and Michael Brown has commented on the draft. Linda Keeling seconded the motion and all present voted aye.

DEAD TREE REMOVAL: Paul Fredricks reported that landscaper Robert George took down about 6 – 8 dead trees. There are still more to be done.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE: Paul Fredricks asked Rosemarie Zengen if she had been able to contact the new manager at Hannaford's Supermarket. Rosemarie said that she had spoken with him, and he said that she needs to contact Marsha Graham in the District Office.

Rosemarie Zengen reported that advisor John Kuhn told her that the extra mowing and lot maintenance had to be done to protect the St. Margaret's Home property. Now it is up to Hannaford's to keep up the maintenance.

FUNDRAISING: Paul Fredricks reported that Wint Aldrich will give the Committee a list of names of people at the State who may be approached about funding for St. Margaret's Committee projects. Paul added that the Committee needs more information on the appraisal of the property that determines the amount considered a matching fund. Rosemarie Zengen noted that the Town Board does not decide who writes grants.

Rosemarie Zengen reported that Tree Commission Chairwoman Nancy Guski deposited \$677.00 from the funds raised at the Ice Cream Social into the account for St. Margaret's Committee. She noted that the Ice Cream Social raised over \$1,000.00.

Patrick Hildenbrand suggested that the Committee hold a "boot drop" fundraiser, perhaps at one of the weekend festivals.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: Paul Fredricks asked the Committee to discuss holding a membership drive in support of St. Margaret's Home. Committee members proposed membership fees of \$10 for a single person, \$15 for a family, \$5 for a student or senior, and \$50 for a business or corporation. Paul will also ask Dick Wambach for advice.

PUBLICITY: Linda Keeling noted that the website link for St. Margaret's Committee needs to be updated. Rosemarie Zengen and Kathy Douris suggested that a film clip about St. Margaret's be done for PANDA tv; Paul Fredricks will look into the possibility. Rosemarie Zengen said that with the website, publicity would reach anywhere, at minimal cost.

Patrick Hildenbrand suggested that another way to publicize St. Margaret's Home would be to schedule a meeting at a location such as Senior Commons. That would expose the background of St. Margaret's Home and the work of the Committee to a whole new group.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 P.M.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, November 29, 2011 at 4 P.M. at the Town Hall
** note change of date**

Respectfully submitted,

Susan H. Ellis, Secretary