

Charlton Community Center Advisory Committee (CCCAC)

November 30, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm, adjourned 7:58 pm

Present: Torben Aabo, Jenna Smith, Jason Nemec, Marty Wilson, Dave Robbins, James Sevinsky, and Robin Sevinsky

Excused: Don Schermerhorn, Joseph Volpe, Paul Borisenko, Stacey Fantauzzi, Roger Shisler, Thomas Kelly

Communications:

- Torben Aabo worked with Brenda Mills (Town Clerk) to get information on the Charlton Community Center Restoration Project posted on the Charlton Town website. He also suggested updating the existing flyer format and information to make it easier to e-mail and read on the town website. Jason Nemec took an action to update the existing flyer and to create a more user-friendly format (thank-you Jason!). One item updated was the addition of instructions for the community to donate to the Charlton Community Center Restoration. Jason also shared the new e-mail address he created for community questions (charltoncommunitycenter@e-mail.com) and it will be included in the new flyer. Correspondence sent to this e-mail address will be automatically directed to the CCCAC Fundraising Committee and the Vice Chair (Torben).
- Jason took an action to provide the updated Community Center Restoration Project flyer to Brenda to be published on the town web page.
- Charlton Community Center Restoration flyers will be made available at the Tree Lighting Ceremony, and at the Charlton Historic Society Christmas dinner.
- Jason took an action to draft a newsletter update by next week. The last newsletter was sent out last July. Once finalized, he will forward the new article to Brenda for the town web page.

History:

- Marty Wilson and Don Schermerhorn met with Laura Lee, former Charlton Historian, to gather additional information on the Community Center. Highlights of the meeting contained in Marty Wilson's memo are summarized below:
 - Discussed the contents of the file cabinet on the second floor of the Community Center. Laura said the Knights of Pythias (KOP) sword was not historically stored in the cabinet, but some KOP clothing was. She also shared that the key to the cabinet at one point was kept in an envelope with the Town Historian. (Torben has contacted Charlton Town Historian).
 - There was a general exchange of ideas on the building name change to Taylor Hall and who used the Charlton Community Center.
 - The group brainstormed ideas for potential supporters for the restoration of the Community Center.

- A suggestion was made to set up meet and greets with several Charlton groups and historical district residents to gauge interest in the Community Center.
- Laura shared that Charlton was the hub in celebrating the U.S. Bicentennial and suggested Charlton should consider doing something special during the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence on July 4th, 2026.

Grant Opportunities:

- The town of Charlton has the lead in applying for grant opportunities and the CCCAC is available to assist as needed. Everyone is encouraged to look for potential grant opportunities to share with the town.
- The town of Charlton is waiting to hear the results of the Tonko grant application. Torben talked to Tonko's office and was told the results may be communicated by December 16th. However, it is likely that the results will be delayed until early next year.
- Jim Sevinsky said he will make a few calls to gather information on potential historic grants or other fundraising opportunities including Julia Stokes (former head of State OPRHD and familiar with Saratoga Springs historic preservation), and Lauren Roberts (Saratoga County Historian). He will also follow up with Brookside Museum to gather additional information.

Fund-raising:

- The BHBL Rotary expressed interest in assisting with future fund raising. The plan is for the Fundraising Committee to touch base with Darlene Bower, the current President, and a Charlton resident, to brainstorm ideas.
- Dave Robbins took an action to talk with Joe Grasso about reaching out to Jim Tedisco and Mary Beth Walsh regarding other potential fundraising opportunities.
- The August Fundraising Concert in the Park was well attended and raised \$600 (\$590 at the concert plus an additional \$10 from Connie Wood). The Charlton Seniors donated an additional \$60 collected at their September concert.
- Dave Robbins took an action to ask Brenda how much money has been collected to date for the restoration project.

Other items of note:

- Torben shared that new drainage piping was installed by the county and town to improve water drainage issues around the community center. This work was paid for using a \$16K 50/50 matching grant from Saratoga County. Dave Robbins will get details on dollars spent on this project and will provide to our committee.
- The Architect/Construction Sub-committee provided a recommended scope of work to be included in the Request for Proposal (RFP) to Joe Grasso. Joe is taking no further action until the results of the Tonko grant are confirmed.
- Torben requested that the group use his g-mail e-mail address moving forward.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Sevinsky (December 6, 2022; Updated December 21, 2022)