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Town Hall Committee Meeting Minutes prepared by Linda Fickbohm
Thursday, November 17, 2011 – meeting held at the Town Office

Present: Terry Boyle, Linda Fickbohm, Barbara Felitti, Mariah Rigs, Eric Palola (HHCT), George Mincar (HHCT), Dave Brautigam (HHCT).

Summary of discussion:

1 – Huntington Historic and Community Trust (HHCT) Support

The use and restoration of the Huntington Town Hall is a good fit with the HHCT mission. They are interested in making the Town Hall a primary focus at this time. All present agreed and welcomed the alliance. Discussion followed about the benefits and resources available:

- Having another community organization involved is a plus for grants as it shows wider support.
- HHCT can be a fiscal agent for grants as they have non-profit status.
- HHCT has funds which, in some cases, may be available for grant matches.
- More funding ideas (TD Bank Affinity Program was discussed).
- More people doing outreach to the community.

Action: Keep HHCT updated and in the loop on plans going forward. Meet as needed.

2 – 2012 Town Hall Events

We'd like to have a calendar of events available at Town Meeting and have a table there to let people know what we are doing and to promote 2012 events. Events discussed:

- A clean-up in early May
- A Flea Market/Garage Sale/Perennial Swap in mid-May
- A Huntington Wine/Beer/Spirits Tasting in June. Perhaps as a Solstice event.
- 1 or 2 Movie nights in mid-Summer
- An event to go with the Huntington annual Chicken BBQ.
- HHCT Pie Social in the Fall
- Classes & Camps June – Sept.

Action: Discuss details at next few meetings. Mariah will look into licensed agent for Tasting, and Movie night logistics. Linda will contact Chris & Gary to see if they would like to hold classes/Camp again – perhaps others also. Terry will follow up with the Electrician to see what we need in the short term & if we can allow use such as glue guns.

3 – Updates

- Water & waste water survey. Information has been gathered but no conclusions at this time.
- Grants: We want to be sure the planning grant is useful. We want a 2nd opinion on upstairs floor issue. Action: Mariah will contact Tommy Thompson about planning & opinion on upstairs floor. We want to pursue the ADA grant, as the bathroom is our #1 priority. We may need more detail to bid out the work before applying for the grant. Action: Barbara & Mariah will continue to work on the grant. Terry will talk to Dick Kellogg about bathroom details.
- Construction & Maintenance: Action: Barbara will be going to the next Selectboard meeting to talk about our maintenance budget request.

Next Meeting is Dec. 15th 7:00pm downstairs at the Town Offices. Amy will be presiding and taking minutes.