

# MINUTES OF WORKSHOP

SHAKESPEARE SUBCOMMITTEE

JUNE 23, 2016

THE SHAKESPEARE SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE BUILDING NEEDS COMMITTEE CONDUCTED A WORKSHOP MEETING ON THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2016 IN ROOM 213 OF STRATFORD TOWN HALL, 2725 MAIN STREET, STRATFORD, CT PURSUANT TO NOTICE DULY POSTED.

I. CALL TO ORDER: 7:10 p.m.

PRESIDING: Subcommittee member Peter Wood

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Ken Tigar, Peter Wood, Edward Goodrich, Tom Yemm, Matt Catalano, Ted VanGriethuysen, Christopher Rooney

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Town Engineer John Casey, CAO Chris Tymniak

II. WORKING MEETING on prioritizing projects to make the shell of theater secure

Mr. Wood asked each subcommittee member to state the motivation for involvement in this Theater endeavor.

Mr. Wood – Many rolls that relate to theater, running a not-for-profit housing developments.

Mr. Rooney – Mighty Quinn Foundation, a not-for-profit venture.

Mr. Goodrich – involvement with the Art Commission

Mr. Catalano – theater and stage employee

Mr. VanGriethuysen – professional actor, affiliation with Shakespeare Theater company in Washington, D.C., taught at the Academy

Mr. Tigar — Professional Actor of TV, stage and films, PHD from Harvard in German Literature, started a few theaters.

Mr. Yemm – During 12 years as Historic District Commission chair, secured the “White House” in the Historic district

Mr. Tymniak — Stratford CAO, first toured the theater in 2007

Mr. Casey – Town of Stratford Engineer for 26 years, worked on many public improvement projects.

A look at the background to assess conditions:

- New roof completed in 2008
- Louis Burke, selected by State of CT, era created negativity/false starts
- Property deeded to the town in 2005 from the State of CT
- Funding to operate theater
- Reviews of other theater models, maps and blueprints on file
- Significant drawbacks/hurdles – building is in Flood Zone (located between Housatonic River and Selby’s Pond)

Identify scope of the work

- Basic building securing
- Environmental Work. Mr. Catalano said an environmental study was done which revealed no lead was present.

- Initial Step to restore lobby. Hold events in the lobby to attract potential supporters.
- Secure building, health issues, cost of securing
- Meeting building code for it's classification (safety and liability issues)
- "ServPro" is expected to present a quote for cleaning the building.
- Remove raccoons and other animals and birds from inside the building
- Electrical wiring to be checked

III. ADJOURNMENT —Hearing no additional business, Mr. Wood adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Carol Cabral, Secretary