

Stuyvesant Railroad Station Restoration Committee
Minutes of the Meeting of May 12, 2007

Chaired by Ron Knott

Members attending: Marilyn Burch, Lee Jamison, Kate McLeod, Richard Anderson, and Karen Hummel

The meeting was held at the station with Lee making the motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting, seconded by Ron. Ron reported that the Friends of the Kinderhook Library had sent us a check for \$79, representing 10% of their sales at the station on April 21. We will send them a thank-you letter. Marilyn reported that the Farmers Market had started the day before and she had taken in \$89 at the Restoration Committee booth. She also passed around a letter from NYS First Lady, Silda Wall Spitzer, who said she enjoys local markets and would let us know if she can come to ours. We will be presenting a copy of Hudson Valley Ruins to the library at their annual meeting on May 14, in Ken's name. Plans for the Lecture, Book Signing, and Reception are being finalized. Kate suggested that people contact others via e-mail and spread the word. There hasn't been a lot of publicity yet but it is on the way. Kate reminded everyone to make appetizers for the reception and said she has platters if anyone needs one. Ron will set up the chairs and Kate will contact the authors to see what they need.

Plans for the Arts Weekend are also proceeding. Art work will be hung on the Thursday before the show starts, starting that morning. We will be able to serve wine at the Opening, and Wild Horse Liquors has offered to give us a nice discount. Mexican Radio has offered to supply salsa and corn chips. Roy Shannon will be donating his prints. We will need to buy hooks and wire, as well as lights. The Town Board is allowing us \$500. Marilyn offered her porch to paint signs. We will ask the sheriff to patrol the area. It was pointed out that the building is trying on many hats. The art show is another way to bring attention to our little building. Also on the topic of fund-raising, Lee and Marilyn have been supplying Monday morning coffee and baked goods, which are well received.

The survey is going out soon. Marilyn expressed her personal dismay that the station was accused of costing the town money. She pointed out that so far very little money has been spent and actually we have added to the Town's account. Ron said that people have differing opinions and the committee objected. He also pointed out that the first \$7,000 we raised was used to offset town monies spent under former supervisor, Tod Greci.

Asked about the grant, Ron reported that he is waiting for the DOT to respond. Lee asked if the grant can be re-scoped and he said yes. He pointed out that the grant would be for Phase II of construction and that our continuing public use is exactly what they are looking for. Taking commercial use out of the equation is good.

We have reached a compromise with Jim Melville who will sign a new easement, once it has been rewritten by the town attorney, allowing our wire over or under his land, but not a meter. Ron will check with National Grid about placing the meter inside. We have knobs on the doors! The next meeting will be on June 16, at the station. Karen made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Ron.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Burch