

Danbury Museum & Historical Society Authority
Meeting Minutes - June 4, 2103, 4pm

In compliance with Connecticut General Statute §1-225, these minutes are being provided for informational purposes and are subject to approval of the Danbury Museum & Historical Society Authority Board of Directors at its next regular meeting.

In attendance: Robert Young, Geoff Herald, Anne Harrigan Erika Askin, Paul Valeri, Joretta Kilcourse and Ed Siergiej.

The meeting was called to order at 4:15pm.

The secretary was not in attendance, so Joretta Kilcourse was asked, and graciously agreed, to take the minutes.

Minutes from the May meeting were reviewed, Geoff Herald made the motion to accept the minutes and Paul Valeri seconded, all were in favor, minutes were accepted.

President Bob Young reported that the school programs are continuing through June 11 and have been going very well. The volunteer re-enactors have received many compliments from students and staff.

President Bob Young reported on finances. Whole Foods will be donating \$10,000 to the FDMHSA, as their generous contribution to the museum from their Opening Day, helping the museum to have a fiscally positive year end balance. Discussion centered around possible annual fund raisers. It was decided that a special meeting would be called by the Board President to discuss future fund raising.

Paul Valeri reported on the progress of the Ives Project. Mr. Valeri and Brigid Guertin had a meeting with the mayor to discuss ideas for the property and funding sources. They have another meeting with the mayor on June 13. Brigid Guertin is investigating possible matching grant opportunities. The planning for the site is on-going.

A motion was made by Geoff Herald to authorize Paul Valeri to initiate discussion with the city to create an ordinance to prohibit satellite dishes on the front of buildings facing the Main Street corridor and gateways to Main Street. Anne Harrigan seconded the motion. Discussion included making Ives Birthplace a world-class destination and the necessity of making Main Street an attractive roadway leading to the Ives House. The vote was unanimous.

Next year's meeting dates are set for the first Tuesday of each month at 8:00a.m.

A motion was made to adjourn by Anne Harrigan and seconded by Erika Askin. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Joretta Kilcourse

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