

**Pettibone Creek Hydroelectric Station Restoration Committee  
Minutes, October 10, 2007**

This month you'll notice two format changes in the minutes. First, information items that I have received from various members by e-mail, but were not reported at the meeting have been included, printed in purple. Second, to make the financial reporting more useful, I will follow Glenn's suggestion to "include the known financial commitments (and budget allowances) we have for the project . . . in the agenda and minutes. That way we can all better understand the actual available balance in the Powerhouse account."

Present: Paul Braun, Dave Chase, Richard Harrison, Melissa Morris, Jim Reiter, Judith Reiter, Glenn Rittenger  
Guests: Jim Bates, Dennis Bowman, John Iras, Dorothy Kane, Jim Ross, Frank Seymoor  
Meeting called to order 7:10 PM  
Review of Minutes: No comments

<u>Village: "Ford Powerhouse Restoration"</u>	(09/30/07) <b>\$30,762.24</b>
<u>MHS Account:</u>	
Current Balance (9/28/07)	<b>\$ 5,75345</b>
Previous reported balance (07/31/07):	\$ 5,553.25
Income: Interest (July-Aug-Sept): \$10.70; Donations: \$124.00; Bricks: \$300.00; T-shirts: \$100.00	
Expenses: T-shirts (38): \$334.50	
<u>Budget/Commitments:</u>	
General expenses	<b>\$ 1,000</b>
Paint-a-tile installation	<b>\$ 1,000</b>
Buy-a-brick purchase & installation	<b>\$ ?</b>
Donor Recognition Sign	<b>\$ 2,000</b>
Milford Garden Club (hardscape item – bench?)	<b>\$ 1,000</b>

**Committee Reports**

**Construction:**

- Interior work
- Electrical:
  - John Riley added a flood light in the lower level. He also repaired the front door lock for safe exit.
  - Rich has secured a firm quote from DTE for Commercial Underground Secondary Service to PH: \$950.00. He reports that Comcast will install cable at no cost with underground installation. He will seek three quotes for additional labor required and will consult with Glenn about coordinating installation with other site and interior work.
- Heating/Cooling: Riley has contacted: Keller Geothermal H&C, in Brighton/Howell

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- Tile Installation: Dorothy Kane, Project Manager for History Channel Grant, has talked with HVS art teachers about students creating a design for installation of the 190 tiles from the "Paint-a-Tile" fundraiser.
- Paint: No new prospects for interior painting donation.
- Toilet room: State Historic Preservation Officer has offered to write support letter for variance request.
- Site: From Harrison: fence in back was torn down and people were coming over from park through the hole. Rich called Village department of public works Monday morning the 17th and they will observe and repair

**Building Use:**

- Hydro Power:
  - No report
- Open to visitors:
  - Melissa has created an Excel sheet with data collected from visitors during home tour. We now have a total of 43 email contacts. and 92 total contacts.
  - Gregory Dobson of Albert Kahn Associates visited. He said he wants to work with us by doing a background presentation on Albert Kahn and his company. Harrison suggests having an Albert Kahn Day at the Powerhouse in the fall and invite press with food, beverages.
  - Community picnic open house – Myles reports there were 30 visitors, 3 T-shirts sold.
  - After seeing the Powerhouse during home tour, John Iras, Jim Ross and Jim Bates felt the PH has potential as a "21st Century Learning Environment." To this end Jim Ross worked with Melissa and Paul Braun to create a Powerhouse blog. Their company, SEND LLC, is developing a learning program that will utilize digital learning environments to foster learning in the areas of technology, science, engineering and the environment. They are working with U of M Dearborn, Ford Motor Company and others on this project which received National Science Foundation and other corporate support.  
John Iras suggested they "could create their 2008 "Summer Discovery Program" emanating from the Milford Powerhouse and utilizing the entirety of the additional existing environmental assets (millpond, creek, park, city, etc.) Additionally, this may be a vehicle for collaboration on behalf of the Milford Department of Parks & Recreation."

**Funding:**

- Preliminary application for a Tourism Cares grant has been filed, requesting funding for electrical service and interior electrical (\$33,000.00).
- Yearly audits and budget review have been completed and the village powerhouse escrow account is now available.

**Fund Raising:**

- Brick pavers:  
**A motion was made by Glenn Rittenger, seconded by Paul Braun, authorizing Rich Harrison to use Unilock Michigan of Brighton to engrave the fundraiser bricks that have been sold. Motion carried.**

So far, 30 bricks have been sold.

**Village Liaison:**

- Rittenger reported at Oct. 1 council meeting.  
There were no questions or comments from council members.

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**MotorCities/Auto National Heritage:**

- Interpretive sign: MHS board approved \$400 match for Motor Cities interpretive sign.
- Village Industries Brochure: Local Pettibone Creek Questers approved \$150 for brochure printing.

**Parks and Rec Interface:**

**PR/Publicity:**

- Web site: is now up. Any comments/suggestions are welcome. The site will continue to evolve. Reiter will be trained in off-site editing.
- Blog site: now available:
- Morris will be attending Huron Valley Earth Day Festival meeting to suggest they consider centering their activities around the PH.
- Reiter will be presenting at the Rotary Club tomorrow.

**Historic Research:**

- Dave Chase showed his collection of images relating to the PH/carburetor factory collected from The Henry Ford.

**Interpretation:**

- Save our History Grant: Dorothy is working to include more teachers and students. Melissa has contacted teachers at Muir Middle School. Some students have already been to the PH and are working on building a 3-dimensional model. Jim Bates suggested it might be reproduced for sale (\$!). Reiter suggested it go out as a limited edition. (\$\$\$!!!)
- Judith and Dorothy Kane had an informational meeting with Nancy Corratti, Assistant Superintendent, HVS. Jth and Kane will schedule to present to the school board.
- “Iveneriffic”: The taping of the Milford segment was completed on Sept 28. We will get a copy of the tape and unused raw footage when they are ready.

**Awards:**

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

- Committee structure: Judith suggested that as the PH committee has expanded its involvement, there is a need for re-organization to streamline meetings and focus discussion.

**A motion was made by James Reiter, seconded by Richard Harrison to authorize the chairperson to establish and appoint chairs to the following sub-committees: Construction, Hydroelectric, Publicity, Fundraising, Education, Building Use, Interpretation. Motion carried.**

**Announcements:**

- Scott Peterson will be taking a new job in North Carolina. He advises he has “a house with Powerhouse view” for sale.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned 9:25

(Hope you like the color pallet. We were kind of stuck with the red, but I thought the purple and aqua work.)