

Minutes of the Union Society Building Committee meeting on November 30, 2009
By Carol Davidge, Chair and Secretary

Union Society Building Committee met on Monday, November 30, 2009 in the Eastford Town Office Building. The meeting started at 7:02 p.m.

Attending were: Carol Davidge, Thomas DeJohn, Betsy DiQuattro, Jean Hixson, Mark Sheldon, Ed Windecker. Guest was First Selectman Allan Platt.

Minutes of September 8, 2009 meeting were adopted unanimously.

Discussion of building status and needs followed. Tom DeJohn presented an overview of the roof rehabilitation project and the current status: the difficult work of replicating old timbers and joints has mostly been done and the remainder of the roofing should be completed fairly rapidly. The present status is about 40% complete. Each member introduced themselves and described their experience and interest in the Union Society House, mainly stating that the building is part of the town's heritage. First Selectman Allan Platt described his past work and old building experiences including work for his father, then in construction and renovating an 1800s old house in the center of town. He stated that the building is now far enough along that it will eventually be saved but also cautioned that the upcoming annual budget will be tight. Discussion followed regarding fundraising and the purposes for which the building might be used. The Committee expressed commitment to an adaptive reuse of the building so that an efficient, safe meeting space with facilities could be made available to the townspeople. Betsy DiQuattro said that during her fundraising on behalf of the building, a local executive expressed the need for a place for corporate meeting space in town.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jean Hixson, 2nd by Mark Sheldon; passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Carol Davidge, Chair and Secretary