

Griswoldville

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Spring 1995

A Newsletter of the Griswoldville Preservation Association

Second Annual Meeting Held --- “A Great Success” ...

The object for which this Association shall be formed is to preserve the residential nature of Griswoldville's historic area. To be watchful for the health and safety of all residents. We do mutually agree to associate ourselves, always having before our eyes our community. The Association shall not be engaged in politics in any way. The Association shall be a non-profit organization.

1995 Annual meeting notes...

The second annual meeting was held April 6, 1995 at the Griswoldville Chapel

- About 45 Attendees
- 1994 meeting minutes were accepted
- The Association's treasury shows a balance of \$1761.74 as of March 31, 1995
- The Association's by-laws were changed to include an assistant treasurer, assistant secretary and a second vice-chairman
- Dick Lasher was unanimously re-elected as Honorary Mayor of Griswoldville
- Dick Lasher read a letter from Dr. Pergiovanni which states that he will not renovate the Lord house at 24 Griswold Road, but will put it back up for sale. This was a relief to all in attendance.
- The builder of the two lots adjacent to the Lord property, Steve DaCosta, had an associate present a picture of the colonial home to be built on one of the lots. (Note : Construction began the week of April 23rd).
- The Griswoldville Chapel will be celebrating its 125th birthday in November 1997. A flag that had flown over the nation's capitol was presented by Rep. Barbara Kennelly, and is now on display in the Chapel.

- Dick Lasher presented plans for a new sign which will greet visitors to Griswoldville. This sign will be made of redwood and depict a mill, for which Griswoldville is best known. The Association agreed to fund this project.

Your Elected Officers...

Chairman

Dick Lasher - 529-6158

Vice Chairman/Historian

Myron Baldwin Jr. - 529-0467

Vice Chairman/Publicity

Damon Herring - 563-6494

Treasurer

Peter Gardow - 257-1925

Assistant Treasurer

Barbara Frasca - 529-0063

Secretary

Lucy Amato - 529-8002

Assistant Secretary

Janet Zimmerman - 563-7853

Appointments for the advisory committee:

Newell (Burt) Adams, Joseph Amato, Tom Frasca, Deby Gould, Vera Hughes, Guy Leone, John Setzko, Seby Calafiore

Available Soon...

A Driving Tour of Griswoldville Featuring Historic Homes and Mills, Scenic Farmland, and the Lifeblood of Griswoldville - the Brook System.

A member of the Association is in the process of devising an interesting driving tour of our historic community. Copies will be available to residents and visitors by late spring. The tour information is in chart form with clear driving directions and brief details about sights in 17th and 18th century historic Griswoldville. A concise companion map is also included.

A Bit of History...

Adams Mill on Two Stone Brook southwest of Griswold Fulling Mill This mill was the last to occupy the original site of the gristmill established by Leonard Chester in 1637. This mill building was erected in 1712. In the year 1760 Amasa Adams became part owner of the Chester Mill and handed down ownership to his sons John and Joshua. In 1782 the mill became known as the Adams Mill. It served many purposes, cider mill, lumber mill, grist mill. It was the last mill building in Griswoldville to remain standing into the twentieth century.

The history of both village and Chapel is one of each member contributing his or her talent for the good of all. Down through the years comes this history of cooperation. One part of it can be given here. Whole chapters could well be devoted to such recent events, as The Griswoldville Water Co., which was organized in 1891, Mr. S.N. Woodhouse and Mr. R.S. Griswold loaned the use of several large springs of purest water, running them in distant pastures and with their history steeped in Indian folklore. The water was carried to the homes of the village by windmill power, later replaced by rams. Mr. J. Leslie Welles accompanied his gift toward the windmill with these words: "This water is the best thing in our village - next to our Chapel."

"Your Bumper Sticker is your membership card. Use it with pride." Dick Lasher

If you have not received a bumper sticker call Peter Gardow

Mark Your Calendar...

May 27th: Wethersfield Memorial Day Parade. Saturday 10AM in Old Wethersfield. "Mayor" Dick Lasher will march in colonial garb with the Griswoldville float. Don't miss this one!

July 4th: Join the village's Annual Ringing of the Chapel Bell at 2PM. A great tradition!

September 10th: Join the neighborhood at Mill Woods Park at 1PM for a family social. Bring your own eats and share a yummy dessert treat! Come meet your neighbors and celebrate the beginning of the fall season! For more details contact AnneMarie Calafiore at 529-5471.

April 1996: Annual Meeting. To elect a new slate of officers and discuss current issues.

Would you like a 1995 membership list?
Call Peter Gardow

Our strength is in numbers, please be sure that you have paid your 1995 dues - Thanks!

**Membership Form for 1995
Griswoldville Preservation Association**

**Remit to: Griswoldville Preservation Association
Return to: Peter Gardow, Treasurer
60 Griswold Road, Griswoldville
Wethersfield, CT 06109**

Enclosed is my 1995 family membership fee in the amount of \$10.

I would be willing to serve on a committee. Please call me with details.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____