# TARRYWILE PARK AUTHORITY
## REGULAR MEETING
January 20, 2015

**CALL TO ORDER:**
On Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 6:35 p.m., the regular meeting of the Tarrywile Park Authority, was called to order at Tarrywile Mansion, 70 Southern Blvd., Danbury, CT, by Treasurer Warren Platz.

**ATTENDANCE**
The following board members were recorded as present:
**Board Members:** J. Preston, W. Platz, B. Talarico, R. McGarrigal, D. Manacek & M. Repole (arrived at 6:45)
**Board Members Absent:** M. Marcus, J. Harner & E. Munoz
**Park Staff:** B. Petro
**Guests:** Roseanne Schepis

Public Speaking: Friends of Tarrywile member Roseanne Schepis reported on F.O.T. activity. They have an upcoming Artisan Fair on March 29th.

**AGENDA:**

1. **Chairman's Report: No report**

2. **Minutes – December 9, 2014: A motion was made by D. Manacek to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2014 meeting. J. Preston seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

3. **Financial:**
   A. **Financial Reports – December 2014: A motion was made by R. McGarrigal to approve the financial reports. D. Manacek seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

****Note: Vice Chairman Marita Repole arrived and lead the meeting for the rest of the agenda.**

4. **Old Business:**
   A. **LoCIP Projects Update:** The oil to Gas conversion is progressing, the City is awaiting the confirmation on the quote from Yankee Gas. The roof projects will proceed in late spring when the next round of LoCIP money becomes available.

5. **New Business:**
   A. **January 2015 Park & Mansion Use Report:** The January report prepared by B. Petro shows that there were no events scheduled for the Park. There were 4 events scheduled for the Mansion with apx. 195 people attending.
   B. **2015 Meeting Dates & TPA Member Update** – B. Petro reported that Elisa Munoz has chosen not to do another three year term. A letter has been sent to the Mayor that there is now a vacancy on the Board.
   C. **Social Media Update** - The staff is pleased to report that our social media outreach is continuing. Event Coordinator Anne-Marie Sholtes has started a blog. Please check it out at www.tarrywilemansion.com. In addition we are up to 112 followers on Twitter, 387 connections on LinkedIn, and on Facebook we have 2,568 likes.

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5. **New Business continued:**

   D. **Awards** – The staff is pleased to report that we are the recipients of two recent awards. From TripAdvisor we received their annual Certificate of Excellence, signifying that it has consistently earned outstanding feedback from TripAdvisor travelers. From WeddingWire, we have received their Couples Choice Award – Reception Sites. The award recognizes the top 5 percent of local Wedding Professionals from the WeddingWire Network throughout the United States, Canada and abroad that demonstrate excellence in quality, service, responsiveness and professionalism. Unlike other awards in which the winners are selected by organization, the WeddingWire Couples' Choice Awards are awarded solely based on the reviews from over 200,000 newlyweds. Awards are determined by a combination of excellence in four factors: overall rating (quality), total number of reviews (quantity), review performance from 2014 (frequency), and consistency of reviews from year to year (consistency).

6. **Other Business:** N/A

**Adjournment: A motion was made by W. Platz to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Seconded by R. McGarrigal. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

Barbara Talarico

**Barbara Talarico, Secretary**