

April 1, 2011

To: SMC Board of Directors

Subject: Nomination of Jack Messert as "Distinguished Senior New Canaan Man"

Mr. Jack Messert, a member of SMC meets the criteria for the award as follows:

- Meets the length of service performed by the nominee;
- Meets the prior public recognition of the nominee's service;
- Meets the demonstrable merits of the services performed.
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His services include:

2006-2008 – Interfaced with the State of CT, Department of Department of Economic and Community Development to a \$400 K grant to replace badly leaking Schoolhouse Roof. The process covered the initial application, bidding process, roofer selection, engaging a consultant for the specifications. Insuring that inspections were conducted by an outside engineering firm and verified by a State agency. Roof came in under budget and \$15k was returned to the State.

2009 - Engaged with (EHM), the Schoolhouse Management Co. and outside consultants to apply for a Green Retrofit (stimulus) Grant that was approved for \$426k in late 3Q-2010. The Schoolhouse gained new boilers, air conditioners, stoves, toilets and ceiling fans as well as other upgrades designed to provide a significant amount of savings along with environmental benefits. Most work is now complete. The rest will be completed by late summer 2011.

2009-4Q -Started the process to refinance the \$2.4M loan from HUD which converted the former middle school into living space for seniors and handicapped. Loan was refinanced on September 22, 2011 at a 4.01 interest rate - less than half the original rate. An additional \$500 K was added to the loan to enable external structural repairs, to install a new fire detection system covering the Day Care Center and the Schoolhouse, and to install an emergency generator that would cover the core of the building.

2010-Secured a donation of 5 Lap Top computers for the Schoolhouse residents.

Volunteered to write Newsletter for the Schoolhouse Apartments (Low income seniors and handicapped housing complex) in February 2004. Continues to produce the newsletters. The request for this service came through the SMC from the Town's Eldercare Council. Subsequently, Jack joined the Schoolhouse Board of Directors as a Director and Treasurer.

Lapham Activities- Jack has taught and helped to teach several computer courses including PowerPoint, Creating a Slide Show and Adobe Photoshop.

Other computer activities: Jack supports about 75 New Canaan Seniors with their home computing issues and needs.

SMC-Past President, Vice President, Jester and PhotoGroup chair.

Elections- Jack is a State Certified Moderator and works all elections.