

WATERFORD HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION

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David J. Campbell
TOWN CLERK
3:10 PM

Minutes of Annual Meeting - November 14, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chairman John O'Neill.

Present: Members: Patrick Crotty, Robert Nye, Eileen Olynciw, John O'Neill,
Debra Walters

Appointment of Alternates: N/A

Minutes: Motion by R. Nye, seconded by D. Walters, to accept the minutes of the
Regular Meeting of September 12, 2023

Voting in favor: Unanimous

Public Comments: See "Nevins Cottage" and "80 Shore Road" below.

Creation of Regular/Annual Meeting Schedule for 2024: Meetings will be held at 7:00
p.m. in the Louise Appleby Meeting Room on January 9, March 12, May 14, July 9, and
September 10. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for November 12.

Election of Officers: Motion by R. Nye, seconded by P. Crotty, to present/vote on the
following slate: Chair: John J. O'Neill, Jr., Vice Chair: Patrick Crotty,
Secretary/Recording Secretary: Debra Walters, Treasurer: Robert M. Nye

Voting in favor: Unanimous

Waterford Historic Properties: R. Nye reported no recent action taken regarding
repair/maintenance of Cohanzie School, Secchiaroli Barn, or Jordan Park House.

Waterford Historical Society Happenings: D. Walters reported on recent repair and
maintenance done at the Beebe Phillips House and the Jordan Schoolhouse.

Nevins Cottage: R. Nye had nothing new to report from town officials. Several
audience members shared their knowledge of a recently formed town Committee to
Save Nevins Cottage.

Eugene O'Neill Theater Center: Representatives in attendance from the O'Neill asked for an update on the schedule/specifications for the planned roof replacement of the Mansion. J. O'Neill and R. Nye shared information from town officials who are working on this project indicating that bids have gone out. The HPC was not included in this process. R. Nye questioned whether or not the HPC would have an opportunity to comment on the specs.

Cemeteries: J. O'Neill reported on the interest and activity of a newly formed group wanting to create a Cemetery "Caretakers" Committee. A dozen people have been in attendance at two meetings, and a third meeting will be held tomorrow, November 15th. The focus first will be on the Durfee Cemetery.

Plan of Preservation, Conservation, and Development: No update reported.

80 Shore Road Demolition: Audience members, who are working to prevent the demolition of Ailanthus Farm buildings located at 80 Shore Road, shared developments regarding that action. They also shared that the Connecticut Attorney General is looking into any authority the Historic Properties Commission may have over (privately owned) "historic properties". Discussion followed.

Ordinance 15.20.030-Delay of Demolition Regarding Historic Structures and Ordinance 12.12.020-Recreation and Parks, maintenance of the Park House: By consensus, it was decided to forward these two items to the Representative Town Meeting for review.

Other: No discussion.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Walters, Secretary