

WATERFORD HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION

Minutes of Regular Meeting - May 14, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by John O'Neill, Chairman.

Present: Members: John O'Neill, Pat Crotty, Debra Walters
Alternates: Melissa Guarneri, Justin Pezzolesi

Absent: Members: Skip Adams, Eileen Olynciw
Alternates: Warren MacKenzie

Appointment of Alternates: N/A

Public Comments: None

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ATTEST: *Debra Walters*
TOWN CLERK

Minutes: Motion by P. Crotty, seconded by M. Guarneri, to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 12, 2024.

Voting in favor: Unanimous

Waterford Historic Properties Updates: J. O'Neill reported that he spoke with G. Schneider about the condition of the chimney on the Jordan Park House. G.S. will be getting specs for chimney repairs. This commission believes that it is appropriate that a professional assessment of the condition of this building be done. Note: There is \$25,000 in the town budget for use on this building.

Waterford Historical Society Happenings: D. Walters reported that the Society recently had the roofs of the Margaret Stacy Barn/Miner Education Center and the Ralph Madara Blacksmith Shop power washed to remove moss, lichen, pine needles, etc.

Nevins Cottage: Jonathan Mullen, Town Planner, and M. Guarneri, "Friends of Nevins Cottage" committee member, reported the following:

~ "Friends of Nevins Cottage" group has obtained a license agreement from the TOW, allowing it to have work done on the building.

~ New keys are being made.

~ J. Mullen, as the Town Planner, is the TOW point person for this project.

~ Two signs will be placed on the property to:

1. Advertise the project
2. Show fundraising progress

Eugene O'Neill Theater Center: J. O'Neill reported that the job of replacing the roof on the mansion is in progress.

Cemeteries: J. O'Neill reported that the committee is working to secure and place American flags on the graves of veterans in time for Memorial Day. He continues to be in contact with town officials in an effort to secure assistance in caring for abandoned and/or neglected cemeteries.

Delay of Demolition Ordinance: There was discussion around the current 50-year-old designation in the ordinance. The group generally feels that criterion is no longer useful; that it should address properties older than that. The topic was tabled for further discussion at the commission's next meeting.

Other: J. O'Neill reported that the Town of Waterford's Ten Year "Plan of Preservation, Conservation and Development" is finished.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned 7:58p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Walters, Secretary