

# HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION

Minutes

Special Meeting

April 12, 2022

An April 12, 2022 Special Meeting of the Historic Properties Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman, John O'Neill.

Present: Patrick Crotty, Robert Nye (alt.), John O'Neill, Eileen Olynciw, Debra Walters

Absent: Vivian Brooks

Also in attendance: Matt Tucker

Appointment of Alternates: Robert Nye for Vivian Brooks

**Town Owned Historic Properties:** J. O'Neill and R. Nye reported that they and the First Selectman, R. Brule, had a productive meeting about the condition of all historic properties belonging to the town, discussing plans for addressing structural/maintenance issues.

The critical need to rally public support for addressing these issues was acknowledged.

The possibility of new interest in the Cohanzie School building was noted.

To date, monies that could be used to structurally shore up the Nevins Cottage are:

|                                       |                             |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Town Funds:                           | \$125,000                   |
| American Rescue Plan Funds:           | \$100,000                   |
| Historic Restoration Fund Grant(SHPO) | \$200,000 (matching grants) |

If the town is able to secure an HRF grant in the amount of \$200,000, there will be enough (\$425,000) to secure the cottage structurally and rehab the exterior. The interior renovations are for another day.

**Public Program:** On May 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Waterford Public Library, Bob Nye will speak about the following town owned historic properties:

|                           |                 |                  |                   |
|---------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Cohanzie School           | Hall of Records | Hammond House    | Jordan Park House |
| Jordan School (Town Hall) | Nevins Cottage  | Secchiaroli Barn | White House       |

He will focus on the fact that they are important to our town's history and they need attention.

**Other Business:** It was noted that the town will be working on a new Plan of Preservation, Conservation, and Development, required by the state to be done every ten years. B. Nye suggested including cemeteries in the new plan.

Adjournment: Motion by R. Nye, seconded by D. Walters, to adjourn at 8:26 p.m.

Voting in favor: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,  
Debra Walters, Recording Secretary

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