

HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION ANNUAL MEETING

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Louise T. Appleby Meeting Room, Town Hall

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Chairman John O'Neill called the Annual Meeting of the Historic Properties Commission to order at 7:04 p.m.

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

Absent: Vivian Brooks, Eileen Olynciw

Appointment of Alternates: R. Nye for V. Brooks

Minutes: Motion by R. Nye, seconded by P. Crotty, to accept the minutes of the September 14, 2021, meeting

Voting in favor: Unanimous

Election of Officers: Motion by R. Nye, seconded by J. O'Neill to accept the following slate for FY 2021-2022:

Chair: John O'Neill
Vice Chair: Patrick Crotty
Recording Secretary: Debra Walters
Treasurer: Robert Nye

Voting in favor: Unanimous

FY '23 HPC Budget: R. Nye reported on last year's expenditures which were minimal due to COVID-19 restrictions. Motion by him, seconded by J. O'Neill, to request a budget of \$400.00, which is unchanged from last year

Voting in favor: Unanimous

Nevins Cottage: R. Nye reported no change regarding the Nevins Cottage preservation. To date, community members have donated \$9,194 to a fund for such work.

Eugene O'Neill Theater: J. O'Neill reported that in September he met with Tiffani Gavin, Executive Director, to begin conversations regarding process and funding of maintaining the buildings on the theater campus.

Cemeteries: P. Crotty reported on his search to find out what became of the remains in the Brown Farm Burial Ground at Jordan Cove. He inquired about the Charles Brown family at the Jordan Cemetery, but the family was not listed in the register. After searching the cemetery grounds, the superintendent reported finding a stone, not listed in the register, containing the names Charles Brown, (father), Sarah Gorton Brown (mother), and Lydia Brown (daughter). It would appear that the family is memorialized here, but it is unknown if their remains were removed to this location.

Gorton Cemetery – After speaking with state crew workers, querying the possibility of them removing the bull briars threatening to overrun the burial ground, the state crew did in fact nicely clear the area.

Oil Mill District: Re: Application to the National Historic Register, R. Nye is hoping for a decision in March.

Adjournment: Motion by R. Nye, seconded by D. Walters to adjourn at 8:38 p.m.

Voting in favor: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,
Debra Walters
Secretary