

MINUTES

Historic Properties Commission
Special Meeting
Tuesday, January 13, 2009

MEETING called to order at 7:10 P.M. by Chairman John O'Neill.

PRESENT: Teresa Brastow, William Auwood, William Whelan, John O'Neill, Frederic Carlough, Carrie Winter.

ABSENT: Vivian Brooks.

ALSO PRESENT: Robert Nye, Municipal Historian

APPOINTMENT of Alternate: Winter for Brooks.

MINUTES

MOTION by Whelan, seconded by Winter to accept the minutes of the September 10, 2008 Special Meeting.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

REAPPOINTMENTS

The Board of Selectmen reappointed Vivian Brooks (Regular) and Carrie Winter (Alternate) for the term November 1, 2008 – October 31, 2013.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Slate presentation by Whelan: Chairman – John O'Neill, Vice-chair – Vivian Brooks, and Secretary/Treasurer – William Whelan.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

ITEMS/ISSUES

Preservation Month (May)

A number of suggestions, including preservation workshop, speaker, recollections by old-timers, contest, etc. The commission should have a reasonably firm idea for an activity (or activities) by the March 10 meeting.

Website

Progress has been slowed due to software issues. Brooks and O'Neill are working to come up with something that is easier to work with. Brooks is pulling together some Burtus Brooks works, historical in nature. Auwood has a substantial number of barn photos ready to go.

Jordan Fishway markers

Nye is still trying to get together with Planner Wagner and graphics people.

CLG grant ideas

None at this time, which is just as well – at least until the commission plate is cleared of website issues, Oil Mill District nomination, and Jordan Village booklet.

OTHER

27 Park Drive (Oswegatchie National Register District) has been demolished. Susan Chandler from SHPO shared the opinion that since the structure was originally an outbuilding, it would be difficult to build a case against demolition. The c. 1928 building was likely the study for Dr. Martin Burke who summered in the house next door. O'Neill Theater proposal for student housing was discussed. Proposed Oil Mill district nomination should be ready for submission by late spring. Baptist Church tercentennial (2010) – no news. Proposed Walgreens – not going to happen. Great Neck School cupola will be saved – its use yet to be determined. Taharah House – Jack Salowitz has yet to come forth with information. The Day reporter may do an article on Seaside. The Millstone School is available to anyone who wants to move it. Chrm. O'Neill sold 24 Wtfd. History books to Border's before the holidays. Looking ahead: Civil War sesquicentennial (2011-15) and War of 1812 bicentennial (2012-13).

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Whelan, seconded by Winter, to adjourn at 8:25 P.M.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Nye
Municipal Historian