

MINUTES

Historic Properties Commission

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

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

PRESENT: John O'Neill, William Whelan, Frederic Carlough, Vivian Brooks (7:40).

ABSENT: William Auwood, Teresa Brastow.

(Two Alternate Vacancies)

ALSO PRESENT: Robert Nye, Municipal Historian.

APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE: Carlough for Auwood.

MINUTES

MOTION by Whelan, seconded by Carlough, to accept the minutes of the March 9, 2010 Regular Meeting.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

ITEMS

Historic Properties Study Committee Report

MOTION by Whelan, seconded by Carlough, to accept the committee report with recommendations.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

MOTION by Carlough, seconded by Whelan, to accept the Planning Director's recommendation on behalf of the Planning & Zoning Commission to postpone the proposed designation of the Walnut Grove Farm (Eugene O'Neill Memorial Theater) as an "historic property".

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

MOTION by Whelan, seconded by Carlough, to schedule a public hearing in concert with the Education Standing Committee of the Representative Town Meeting to consider a proposed amendment to the Historic Properties Ordinance correcting the property description of the Jordan Park House and a proposed addition to said ordinance whereby the Nevins Cottage and carriage barn, 57 Rope Ferry Road, is designated an "historic property".

VOTING IN FAVOR:

Tahara House Report

Excellent report by Bruce Clouette and Sara Nelson. Copies sent to the CT Commission, the Dodd Center and the Waterford Library.

Rules of Procedure

Minor changes will be reviewed and acted upon at the next meeting.

Website

Chairman O'Neill continues to make progress.

Seaside status

The state has agreed to sell the property to Mark Steiner (again). It will be another year before the closing, however.

Jordan Mill Dam Fishway

Chairman O'Neill agreed to write a letter to the Planning Director in an effort to have markers installed at the Jordan Mill Park.

Great Neck School Cupola

The cupola remains on the school grounds. No word about any plans.

Proposed Oil Mill District

Municipal Historian continues to make progress.

Jordan Village handbook

Project should be back on the front burner once the Oil Mill District nomination forms are completed.

First Baptist Church Tricentennial

Schedule of events available from the church.

Secchiaroli Barn

Grants have been awarded for a condition assessment and feasibility study: \$2800 from the Commission on Culture & Tourism and a \$2400 matching grant from the CT Trust. RFPs will go out in the next week or two. The municipal historian will contribute the historical section of the report.

Historic Barns of Connecticut Survey

Katyha Landeros has forwarded the images to Todd Levine at the CT Trust.

Historic Preservation Month

No plans this year.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Whelan, seconded by O'Neill to adjourn at 8:15 P.M.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Nye
Municipal Historian