

MINUTES

Historic Properties Commission

Tuesday, September 8, 2009

MEETING called to order at 7:05 P.M. by Chairman John O'Neill.

PRESENT: William Whelan, Teresa Brastow, John O'Neill, Vivian Brooks, William Auwood, Frederic Carlough.

ABSENT: Carrie Winter, Elizabeth Friedman.

ALSO PRESENT: Robert Nye, Municipal Historian.

NO APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES.

MINUTES

MOTION by Whelan, seconded by Brooks, to accept the minutes of the July 14, 2009 regular meeting.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

WEBSITE STATUS

O'Neill and Friedman are working on building the site. Progress is being made. Text is still needed for National Register properties, Harkness and Seaside.

HISTORIC STRUCTURE REPORT

Archaeological and Historical Services, Inc. has been awarded the \$2800 CLG grant contract for the Tahara House, Ahavath Chesed Cemetery.

HISTORIC PROPERTIES STUDY COMMITTEE REPORT

The report is ready to be compiled. Nye will forward copies to the Commission on Culture & Tourism, ZBA, commission members, the Historical Society, and the O'Neill Theater Center.

SEASIDE STATUS

The property has been designated as "salable" by the State DPW. No official word whether the state will put it back on the market. Mark Steiner from all accounts is still committed to purchasing the property.

JORDAN FISHWAY MARKERS

The graphic artist has made very little progress. Planning Director Tom Wagner will try to get things moving again.

GREAT NECK SCHOOL CUPOLA

Nothing happening.

OIL MILL NATIONAL REGISTER DISTRICT

Nomination forms are nearly complete. Nye needs to do a final review of the history section.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH 300th

Unclear at this time whether the HPC will in any way be involved next year (2010).

CLG GRANT IDEAS

Ca. 1925 Secchiaroli Barn, Miner Lane, owned by the Town of Waterford.

MOTION by Auwood, seconded by Whelan, authorizing the municipal historian to apply for a CLG grant in the amount of \$2500 and a matching \$2500 Barns Grant from the CT Trust for Historic Preservation for a historic structure report on the Secchiaroli barn.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

OTHER

In light of the CT Trust's Historic Barns of Connecticut project, O'Neill suggested the topic of barns and/or dairy farming for Preservation Month in May 2010.

O'Neill also noted that East Lyme now has an HPC with the Lee House designated as the "historic property."

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Whelan, seconded by Brooks to adjourn at 7:40 P.M.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Nye
Municipal Historian