

HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION

Minutes (Annual Meeting postponed from November 10, 2015)

January 12, 2016

1. ROLL

PRESENT: William Whelan, John O'Neill, Eileen Olynciw, Debra Walters.

ABSENT: Vivian Brooks.

ALSO PRESENT: Robert Nye, Municipal Historian, and Abby Piersal, Director of Planning and Development.

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Slate presented by Whelan and Walters:

Chairman – John O'Neill

Vice-chairman – William Whelan

Secretary/Treasurer – Debra Walters

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

3. VACANCIES

Three Alternate vacancies remain.

4. MINUTES

Not a quorum at the previously scheduled Annual Meeting on November 10, 2015.

5. STATUS REPORT from Abby Piersal, Director of Planning & Development:

Nevins Cottage. Lower section of east wall to be protected from weather and rear addition to be demolished for safety reasons this fiscal year. Ultimately use still needs to be determined with the commission favoring historical archives under the direction of the Library. Plans, estimates, and feasibility should be determined by an historical architect approved by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). The Library Director plans to introduce the matter at the March Board of Trustees meeting. Demolition is also an alternative.

Cohanzie School. Redmediation is completed, the building is stabilized. The developer, Centerplan, is scheduled to meet with the town soon. Demolition still a possibility.

Hall of Records (Youth Services Bureau). Windows have been restored and installed. Storms on order. Paint color (off-white) questioned. Why not white? Remaining projects (columns, doors, front steps, paint, etc.) to be included in a future contract.

MOTION by Whelan, seconded by Walters, to recommend continuing work on the Hall of Records be awarded to a contractor(s) with proven historic restoration experience.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

Mago Point. Goals in 2016 include fishing pier, sculpture, improved public parking, and finalized regulations that will guide future development. Funded by Small Town Economic Assistance Grant (STEAP). Proposed zoning regulations and design guidelines presented at upcoming public meeting: February 3, 2016, 6:00 p.m., at Town Hall.

Seaside. No further developments.

6. CEMETERIES

All in agreement regarding establishment of a historic cemetery trust (revenue?) fund. Future meeting with the RTM Education Standing Committee in order. Olynciw and Walters volunteered to photo-document and assess condition of a half-dozen of the more "visible" neglected cemeteries. Members appreciated "Waterford cemeteries have been forgotten by time" by Martha Shannahan, the Day, December 28, 2015. The First Selectman is in receipt of the notice of the \$2,000 grant award for Wheeler Cemetery.

7. PROPOSED OIL MILL DISTRICT

Nomination has been submitted to SHPO. Awaiting response.

RECEIVED FOR RECORD

M. ATTEST

TOWN CLERK

1/19 2016 @ 10:50  
9.M.  
Dana L. Cannon  
mat

8. JORDAN FISHWAY

Signage proposal has been submitted to DEEP. Awaiting response.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Whelan, seconded by Walters, to adjourn at 8:46 p.m.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert M. Nye". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

Robert M. Nye  
Recording Secretary