HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION
Minutes
September 10, 2019

The September 10, 2019, Regular Meeting of the Historic Properties Commission was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Secretary/Treasurer Robert Nye.

Present: Vivian Brooks, Patrick Crotty, Robert Nye.
Absent: John O’Neill, Debra Walters, Eileen Olynch, Bill Whelan, Mark Olynch.


Minutes: Motion by P. Crotty, seconded by V. Brooks, to accept the Minutes of the July 9, 2019, Regular Meeting.
Voting in favor: Unanimous.

Cemeteries: P. Crotty has finished clearing and mulching the Morgan Cemetery. Eversource has done their part in protecting the cemetery. P.C. has also done extensive clearing of the Rogerene Burying Ground. The plaque is ready to be picked up at Mystic River Foundry and will be installed on the boulder which was placed there over 100 years ago for the purpose of mounting a “tablet.” Nick Bellantoni will be in touch soon to locate unmarked burials at Durfee Hill. R.N. will email interested parties.
Motion by P. Crotty, seconded by V. Brooks, for a letter from the HPC Chairman, on behalf of the commission, be sent to the new Board of Selectmen (after the November election) with a copy to the Director of Planning & Development recommending that the town assume responsibility for the maintenance of the town-owned Durfee Hill Cemetery, the Rogers Cemetery, Church-Williams Cemetery, and Gorton Cemeteries.
Voting in favor: Unanimous.

Nevins Cottage: The RTM appropriated $8,120.

Other: The 9/12 Community Forum and Community Survey were noted. There is a proposal on the table for Cohanzie School. The Secchiaroli Barn roof needs to be repaired. Municipal Historian R. Nye will write a letter on behalf of the commission to the Director of P&D urging immediate action. There seems to be renewed interest in a Mago Point sculpture. The demolition of 151 Oswegatchie Road is prompting not only legal action by the town but a recognition that the Delay of Demolition ordinance should be put back in an RTM committee for review. The Historical Society has scheduled another “Second Saturday” event. Between AHS dragging their feet and SHPO staffing issues, nomination of the Oil Mill district to the National Register may not happen until 2020. Needed repair of the Jordan Mill Park fishway marker yet to be attended to.

New terms: Alternate P. Crotty will fill B. Whelan’s term as a Regular member which leaves one Alternate vacancy. B.W. is unable to attend meetings and will not be reappointed. R.N. will write a letter of recommendation on behalf of P.C. to the First Selectman.
Adjournment
Motion by R. Nye, seconded by V. Brooks, to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.
Voting in favor: Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Robert Nye
Recording Secretary/Treasurer