HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION
Minutes
November 12, 2019

The November 12, 2019, Annual Meeting of the Historic Properties Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m., by Chairman John O’Neill.

Present: John O’Neill, Eileen Olynciw, Mark Olynciw, Patrick Crotty, Robert Nye.
Absent: Debra Walters, Vivian Brooks.
Guest: Jim Lundborg.

Appointment of Alternates: M. Olynciw for D. Walters, R. Nye for V. Brooks.

Minutes: Motion by P. Crotty, seconded by M. Olynciw, to accept the minutes of the September 10, 2019, Regular Meeting. (The agenda incorrectly cited the July 9, 2019, minutes which were accepted at the September meeting).

Election of Officers: E. Olynciw offered the following slate:
   Chairman: John J. O’Neill
   Vice-chairman: Elaine Olynciw
   Corresponding Secretary: Debra Walters
   Recording secretary/Treasurer: Robert Nye
Voting in favor: Unanimous.

Calendar year 2020 Schedule of Meetings accepted (on file in the Town Clerk’s office).

FY’21 Budget approved in the amount of $400.

Anticipated completion of FY’19 Municipal Historian/Historic Properties Commission Annual Report, end of next week.

Cemeteries: E. Olynciw anticipates her extensive study of Waterford cemeteries to be completed by spring. Yet to be determined is the final format(s). P. Crotty has completed extensive clearing at the Rogers Family Burying Ground (CT College) and the Gorton Cemetery. His 2-volumes of cemetery photographs, a work-in-progress, will be donated to the Library in 2020. Installation of the Rogers Burying Ground plaque came to fruition last month after several months of planning by P. Crotty, R. Nye, and Brian Rogers (direct descendant of James Rogers). Special thanks to Bert Monton who prepared the surface of the boulder prior to installation. R. Nye and P. Crotty also repaired and set the memorial stone that until last year had been laying flat, buried.

Nevins Cottage: Director of Planning & Development, Abby Piersall, waiting to hear from GNCH Engineers regarding structural assessment.

Oil Mill National Register District (proposed): After countless delays, nomination to the National Register of Historic Places anticipated spring of 2020.
Cohanzie School: With the latest development proposal turned down by Planning & Zoning Commission, demolition of the historic school, sooner or later, is the likely outcome.

Secchiaroli Barn: If the roof is not patched soon the historic barn will not survive.

Other: Director of Planning & Development Abby Piersall is seeking funds for stop-gap maintenance repairs at the historic Jordan Park House.

Adjournment: Motion by R. Nye, seconded by M. Olynciw, to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Voting in favor: Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Robert Nye
Recording Secretary