HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION
Minutes
July 9, 2019

The July 9, 2019, Regular Meeting of the Historic Properties Commission was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairman John O’Neill.

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

Appointment of Alternates: P. Crotty for Whelan, R. Nye for E. Olynciw.

Minutes: Motion by R. Nye, seconded by D. Walters, to accept the minutes of the May 14, 2019, Regular Meeting.
Voting in favor: Unanimous.

Cemeteries: The Rogers Family Burying Ground (Mamacoke) plaque is ready to be cast by Mystic River Foundry. P. Crotty agreed to look into securing a commitment from the town (Rec & Parks) to maintain, at a minimum, Dursey Hill, Church/Williams, and Gorton Cemeteries. Whether the commission should purchase a mower and a weed whacker remains unresolved. The organization of an historic cemetery association has yet to gain any traction.

Nevins Cottage: The Education Standing Committee of the RTM agreed to support the Director of Planning & Development’s effort to seek $22,500 in funding for an assessment by GNCB Consulting Engineers to help the town ultimately determine what to do with the historic building. An $11,250 grant from SHPO will be applied for.

Park House: R. Nye met with maintenance coordinator Wayne Fraser at the Park House to discuss issues of long-deferred maintenance and the need for urgent repairs.

Historical Society: The schoolhouse roof is nearing completion by Pawcatuck Roofing. D. Walters reported that the society has begun a much-needed capital plan.

Jordan Village District: According to the Director of Planning & Development, Village District zoning regulations are close to being available for review.

Other: D. Walters expressed concern about the condition of the Aida White Mansion (Sunnyside fka, Ironside fka). J. O’Neill relayed that Director Preston Whiteway’s plan has been to direct attention to the building once new construction has been completed (and paid for?).

Adjournment: Motion by D. Walters, seconded by R. Nye, to adjourn at 8:17 p.m.
Voting in favor: Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Nye, Recording Secretary & Municipal Historian