HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION
Minutes
March 10, 2020

The March 10, 2020, Regular Meeting of the Historic Properties Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman John O’Neill.

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

Appointment of Alternate: R. Nye for V. Brooks.

Minutes: Motion by Walters, seconded by Crotty, to accept the Minutes of the January 14, 2020, Regular Meeting with the following addition: The Purchasing Agent waved the bid process for the Nevins Cottage assessment. Voting in favor: Unanimous.

Cemeteries: In an effort to generate public interest in the town’s neglected burying grounds, the commission agreed to host a “cemetery clean-up” at the Church & Williams Cemetery on Saturday, April 18, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. Chairman O’Neill will post the event on web sites. A hopeful outcome may be the eventual formation of a historic cemetery association. Also, P. Crotty’s 2 photograph albums of the town’s neglected cemeteries are now part of the library’s permanent collection.

Nevins Cottage: GNGB Engineers will begin a structural assessment of the cottage this spring. The contract will also include a use assessment.

Oil Mill District: There’s an outside chance the Preservation Council will review the NR draft in June if the municipal historian can complete a review of the consultant’s draft before the end of March. Otherwise the nomination will be on the Council’s September agenda.

Cohanzie School: no activity.

Sechiaroli Barn: The municipal historian accompanied the new facilities manager, David Garside, to evaluate “demolition by neglect” at the barn.

Jordan Mill Park: no activity.

Historic Preservation Month (May): Eileen Olyncki may present a program on neglected cemeteries.

Other: The Friends of Seaside will meet with the Harkness Park superintendent at Seaside Park on March 17, at 3 p.m.
Adjournment: Motion by R. Nye, seconded by D. Walters, to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Voting in favor: Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Nye
Secretary/Treasurer