

NORWICH HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Draft Minutes of the Monday, June 28, 2021, 3:00 pm Meeting

Meeting was held at the Norwich Historical Society, 277 Main Street

Commissioners Present: Maggie Boone, Jess Phelps, Folger Tuggle, Anne Silberfarb, and Nancy Osgood, chair

Commissioners Absent: Deb Brien, Phil Zea

Also present:

- Linda Cook
- Lyssa Papazian, historic preservation consultant
- Sarah Rooker, Director, Norwich Historical Society

NORWICH HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION AGENDA

1. Approve agenda

Folger Tuggle moved to approve the agenda, and Anne Silberfarb seconded. The agenda was approved unanimously (5-0).

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Review and approval of the minutes of the April 5, 2021 meeting

Jess Phelps moved to approve the minutes; Folger Tuggle seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously (5-0).

4. Update on Norwich Barn Survey - Lyssa Papazian

The bulk of the meeting was dedicated to a discussion of the Norwich Barn Survey. Lyssa provided an overview of work to date and a summary of the history of barns in Norwich. There was discussion about how to use this work in support of barn preservation efforts in Norwich – with some consideration of looking at options for supporting barn assessment grants from non-profits to help landowners in developing plans for caring for these important resources. NHPC members also gave feedback on the draft report – particularly on what the NHPC hopes to see as far as recommendations for future projects/work.

Lyssa asked for the NHPC's help with the following:

1. Comments on the forms/draft work (several commissioners have provided feedback to date, but additional comments would be welcomed).
2. A list of active Norwich farms to add to the report.
3. Information on the Pompy area of Norwich.
4. A paragraph from the NHPC about the purpose and goals of the Norwich Barn Survey Project/why this work is important. This will be added to Lyssa's report. Folger will take the lead on drafting this paragraph, and the NHPC will discuss it at its next meeting.

5. Pending Items

Jess Phelps moved to table discussion of pending items to the July/August meeting; Folger Tuggle seconded; the motion to table pending items passed unanimously (5-0).

6. Report on the Feast from the Farms/NHS Activities

Sarah Rooker gave a quick update on the recent Feast from the Farms event/tour.

7. Other business

The NHPC discussed Bill Aldrich's recent resignation from the NHPC after serving as a founding member. Nancy Osgood proposed a resolution in recognition of his service as follows:

The Norwich Historic Preservation Commission wishes to acknowledge Bill Aldrich's tremendous contributions as a member of the Commission. Kind, generous, steeped in Norwich history, Bill has enriched our discussions, aided in research, and helped shaped the many projects the Commission has undertaken. How grateful we are for his many years as a commissioner.

Folger Tuggle moved to adopt this resolution; Anne Silberfarb seconded; the motion/resolution recognizing Bill Aldrich's exemplary service passed unanimously (5-0).

8. Adjourn

Folger Tuggle moved to adjourn the meeting.

Maggie Boone seconded the motion.

The motion to adjourn passed unanimously (5-0), and the meeting was adjourned at 4:15.