

NORWICH HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Draft Minutes of the Thursday, April 28, 2022, 9:00 a.m. Meeting

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

Commissioners Present: Maggie Boone, Linda Cook, Jess Phelps, Phil Zea and Nancy Osgood, chair

Commissioners Absent: None.

Also present: None.

NORWICH HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

1. Approve Agenda

Phil Zea moved to approve the agenda and Linda Cook 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 March 16, 2022, Meeting

Linda Cook moved to approve the minutes as drafted; Maggie Boone seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes passed (5-0).

4. Evaluate March Programs on Barns and Refurbished Website

The Commission discussed the two public barn programs held in March and reflected on next steps to continue the momentum from these events. Phil Zea will post a link to the recorded programs on the listserv to drive additional viewers.

The Commission reviewed the website revisions related to the homeowner's resource landing page. Jess Phelps will post a link to various portions of this landing page over the next few weeks to the listserv to let the community know of the resources we've added.

5. Exploring Possible Projects

The Commission discussed several options for possible future CLG grant applications. Various commissioners will do some follow-up work on potential options for a more through discussion at our July meeting.

The Commission also discussed having a fall public program. Jess Phelps will reach out to Historic New England to see if we can coordinate a public program on maintaining historic houses.

6. Distribution of Walking Tour Brochures

The Commission discussed how to best to continue to distribute walking tour brochures across the area. Nancy Osgood has developed a list of potential locations and Commission members have been distributing the brochures across Norwich and neighboring communities. These efforts appear to be successful, and the Commission elected not to seek a grant for paid distribution of the brochures at this point.

7. Update on Union Village Walking Tour

Work continues on a new walking tour for the fall centered on Union Village. The dates are September 11th at 3 p.m. (with a rain date of September 18th).

8. Continuation of Barn Survey Work

Building on last year's barn survey, Maggie Boone, Linda Cook, and Nancy Osgood will document those barns that Lyssa Papazian suggested in her report and was unable to survey.

9. Other Business

Anne Silberfarb did not seek reappointment to the Commission.

Phil Zea moved and Linda Cook seconded the following resolution, which passed unanimously (5-0), recognizing Anne's service:

The Norwich Historic Preservation Commission ("NHPC") thanks Anne Silberfarb for her contributions to the NHPC and the Town. Anne was appointed to the NHPC in 2010, the year of its inception. No stranger to historic preservation, Anne successfully guided the nomination of the Norwich Village Historic District to the National Register in 1991 when she was president of the Norwich Historical Society. The vision, diligence, and enthusiasm she exhibited then were also true of her 12 years as a NHPC commissioner. The NHPC and Town have benefited greatly by her civic engagement and her work in advocating for Norwich's historic resources. The NHPC salutes her for her years of service.

The Commission currently has two (2) vacancies to fill to have a complete roster.

10. Next Meeting

The group selected **Thursday, July 14th at 9:00 a.m.** as its next meeting date/time.

11. Adjourn

Phil Zea moved to adjourn the meeting.

Maggie Boone seconded the motion.

The motion to adjourn passed unanimously (5-0) and the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.