

NORWICH HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the Thursday, August 25, 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

Maggie Boone moved to approve the agenda and Phil Zea 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 July 14, 2022 Meeting

Phil Zea moved to approve the minutes as drafted; Maggie seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes passed (5-0).

4. Review Response to Selectboard Questions and Preservation Concerns

The Commission discussed its response to various questions posed by the Selectboard to the Commission, about its' work, three year plan, and demands on town resources. Nancy Osgood will send the response to the Selectboard before the deadline.

The Commission also discussed sending a letter to the Planning Commission about potential ways to work collaboratively and to allow the Commission to have a greater role in protecting the community's built heritage. Nancy Osgood will send this letter on behalf of the Commission.

5. Norwich Antiques Show

The Commission discussed the potential to have a booth at the Norwich Antiques Show (September 17) as a way to build awareness of the Commission's work. Various commissioners agreed to staff the booth and to work on handouts/materials to offer at the show.

6. Updates on Old Business

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 thorough discussion at its September meeting (at which point the Commission will begin working on the application). The application will become available in October, with the application due in early December.

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). The walking tour is fully subscribed.

Various commissioners continue to document those barns that Lyssa Papazian suggested in her barn report and was unable to survey.

The Commission also discussed having a fall public program. Jess Phelps reached out to Historic New England. They would be happy to present a program on maintaining historic properties, which the Commission will schedule for late September/early October. This program will likely be virtual. Jess Phelps will follow-up with Sarah Rooker and Historic New England to schedule this program.

The Commission also discussed continued distribution of walking tour brochures and other preservation priorities.

7. Other Business

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

8. Next Meeting

The group selected **Monday, September 19th at 10:00 a.m.** as its next meeting date/time.

9. Adjourn

Maggie Boone moved to adjourn the meeting.

Jess Phelps seconded the motion.

The motion to adjourn passed unanimously (5-0) and the meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

APPROVED 09-19-2022