

NORWICH HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Draft Minutes of the Friday, March 22, 2024, 8:30 a.m. Meeting

Meeting was hybrid (in person at the Norwich Historical Society (“NHS”)/via Zoom)

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

Commissioners Absent: Maggie Boone

Also present: Brian Knight

NORWICH HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

1. Approve Agenda

Nancy Osgood suggested an amendment to the agenda to meet with Brian Knight first given his limited involvement in the meeting. Linda Cook moved to approve the agenda as amended; Jess Phelps seconded the motion. The motion to approve the amended agenda passed (4-0).

2. Jones Circle National Register Historic District.

- Work continues on the nomination. Nancy Osgood is reviewing and then will send to Jess Phelps for further edits.
- Brian Knight’s presentation on the history of the Jones Circle neighborhood on March 14th was well received and is now archived on the Norwich Historical Society’s website for future use.
- The nomination is in really good shape and should be ready to be submitted to the state for review soon.

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

4. Review and Approval of the Minutes of the January 19th Meeting

Phil Zea moved to approve the minutes as drafted; Nancy Osgood seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes passed (3-0; Linda Cook abstained).

5. Updates and Discussion

- The Norwich Community Collaborative Inc. CLG grant for the Grange Rehabilitation was awarded. They are still waiting for their grant agreement with the state to finalize this.

- The Commissioners discussed future potential programs with the Norwich Historical Society, including a Union Village Walking Tour.
- There is a “New to Norwich” event scheduled for September 21st at the Norwich Historical Society and the NHPC will try to have a booth.
- Commission Vacancies. The Commission continues to need more members. There have been a few recent inquiries that hopefully will lead to applications to the Selectboard in the near term.

6. Next Meeting

The group selected **Friday, May 10th at 8:30 a.m.** as its next meeting date/time at the NHS.

7. Adjourn

Phil Zea moved to adjourn the meeting.

Linda Cook seconded the motion.

The motion to adjourn passed unanimously (4-0) and the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 a.m.

Prepared by Jess Phelps, Clerk