

TOWN OF WINDSOR LOCKS HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 15, 2022

A regular meeting of the Town of Windsor Locks Historical Commission was held on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at the Noden-Reed House with Covid protocols observed. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 6:32 pm. Attending were commissioners Mickey Danyluk, Chairman; Robert Pearce, James Pearce, James Roche, Jr., Chet Pohorylo. The Chairman provided a financial report. In terms of Old Business: there have been no histories being written, no update on Heritage Week; Jim Roche provided a report on the restoration of the barn being done by Compasso Co. They completed only the work as the money allowed. Jim now wants to send a list of completed items to Crosskey so that the remaining items can be priced up adding that the Town has a grant writer who works with Town Planner Jen Rodriguez who can apply for additional grants. Jim related that 2 companies working together- Eagle Enviromental ( who provided the certification of hazardous material removal) and CPM (who did the actual hands-on) cleared the historic train station's basement of hazardous materials. A 3rd party also worked to test the air quality but was not contracted, he reported. There has been no movement as to placing the old bridge sign, ferry anchor rock and grist stones at the green near the Irish Canal Workers monument as plans need to be drafted as to their arrangement. An invoice from LaPierre electric for rod-connector-receptacle-connector fitting for the train station totaling \$328.58 addressed to the WL Historical Society will be taken by Mickey to Lapierre to be readdressed to "Town of Windsor Locks" and submitted to Mandi Moore. In terms of New Business: there are no histories planned, no anniversaries to observe or plans for Heritage Day as Covid remains active. Today, Mickey retrieved 2 contemporary paintings from the former law office of Atty. J. C Kervick who has them on loan and they were transported to Town Hall. This evening with a motion of Jim Roche, second of Jim Pearce- these paintings, an oil on canvas by L. Bosco of the Reed House and an oversized framed mural oil on board of the historic passenger station with passing train were accepted by the Commission as town property. They were placed on display in the First Selectman's office suite today. The Commission tonight adopted the following Budget for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024: Secretarial fees (4 meetings @ \$76.60 ea) \$307; Anniversary Fund \$100; Alarm for Noden Reed House \$1,431 (train station alarm to be covered by the train station budget per Mandi Moore, town accounts payable); Postage \$15. To this basic budget, Jim Roche recommended the following: continued restoration of the train station exterior woodwork (track side gables, etc. and southern end fretwork restoration at 6-8% more than the previous budget of \$160,000) \$176,000 and grant monies to continue the barn restoration. The aforementioned budget of items was adopted as a budget with a motion of Jim Roche and second of Jim Pearce; all agreed. Jim Roche added that there should be a yearly budget for maintenance/repair for N-Reed Park buildings. He shared a discussion he had with electrician Joe LaPierre about running underground electrical service to the historic station while the ground is open for the construction of the new station adding however there are obstacles such as no plan as to the old station's new use and the amount of power required, also that the Town only has ownership of the footprint- meaning the 4 corners without space for HVAC compressor, transformer, etc. Jim suggested that the Town hire JR Russo to interface with State DOT to outline plans and needs and that Selectman Harrington needs to be aware of needs for readapted use of the building eg. handicap access, plumbing and the necessity to engage an engineer to advocate for these needs. In terms of Public Input: discussion flowed as to the need for archival space for old editions of The Windsor Locks Journal which are now stored at the Senior Center. Chet questioned the use and future of the Italian Progressive Club now owned by the Town and possibly the Italian American Club. With the agenda business items addressed, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:16 pm with a motion of Jim Roche and second of Jim Pearce. All agreed.

Respectfully submitted,

Mickey Danyluk, Commission Chair

