

## TOWN OF WINDSOR LOCKS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

### Meeting MINUTES: Tuesday, November 16, 2021

A regular meeting of the Historical Commission was held on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at the Reed House with observance of Covid protocols. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Danyluk at 6:32pm and followed an Agenda posted the previous week in the Town Clerk's Office. Present: Mickey Danyluk, Chester Pohorylo, James Roche, Jr., Robert Pearce and James Pearce. There were no other attendees, hence no Public Input offered. The MINUTES of the previous meeting of June 15, 2021 were accepted with a motion of Jim Roche and a second of Chet Pohorylo; all agreed. There was no correspondence to share. No Financial Report was readily available; we assume to be in the black because there has been no secretary expenses and additional expenditures for historic items, postage, etc. To this Jim Roche added that work was done on the alarm systems and presented to Mandi Moore at Town Hall- failed sensor at the historic train station, replacement of the motherboard/ 2 sensors in the Reed Barn and upgrade in the Reed House system (labor was free he added because "we were ahead of the problems". In terms of Old Business, there are no histories being written, no anniversaries current to honor, no acquisitions to acquire; Heritage Week has been suspended due to Covid. Jim related that the Ancient Order of Hiberians have set the foundation for the Canal Workers Memorial and he hopes that monies from the TIF fund will cover the placement of the 1921 bridge sign, ferry anchor rock and grist mill stones in the canal park area. He added that the Reed Barn restoration has begun with the damaged NE corner restored (but not completed with outer finish mortar); 2-6' excavations ditches have been dug on the north side to study the below grade foundation; interior beams needing replacement are being identified. He is planning to sit down with the Director of Public Works rather than Cross Key Architects to discuss the status of the foundation at the SE corner by the main arch. Re: the train station- Kronenberger was the lowest bidder for the reconstruction of the exterior fretwork at the north/south ends of the station. In terms of New Business, new history writing projects- Jim would like to see an historic buildings in town survey begun with a narrative/picture for each building. Mickey replied that it's on the radar with little time to do the job a consideration. No anniversaries were identified for the upcoming year and no purchases of acquisitions. Heritage Week remains suspended in the upcoming year. With a motion of Jim Roche and a second of Bob Pearce, the Commission formally accepted the following items as Town property under the Commission: Trowel from the 1928 cornerstone laying of St. Mary's Parochial School (gift from Borchetta family); Textbooks once owned by Seth Dexter, his Logging Record Book, his Theology Book, Sabbath School attendance record book (transferred from WL Historical Society), full figure portrait of Dexter D. Coffin now hanging in Probate Court Rm at Town Hall (gift of late David L. Coffin). Acceptance to ensure these items along with others previously accepted will forever remain in the town. Mickey will log these items in the Commission's Inventory Book in the Town Clerk's Vault. The Commission accepted a budget for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (repeating and withstanding adjustments from the budget adopted in November-2019 for Fiscal Year 2020-1): Recording Secretary Fees for 4 Commission meetings at \$71.12 each, totaling \$284.48; Postage \$15; Anniversary Fund \$100; to this Jim repeated a request for \$20,000 for cleaning and certification of hazardous material (removal of pipes, boiler, etc.) in the historic train station (\$10k for removal; \$10k for certification); Jim repeated the request of \$5,000 which the Town Dept of Public Works could bill from (needs: back door replacement, window repair, rewiring of last circuit of "knob 'n tube electrical wiring (almost 100 yrs old), etc ). Jim related that Fuss & O'Neil received \$23,000 for the planning of the design for the historic items park at the canal park entrance (see items above) and hopes that with the change in administration following



recent election, this will be continued; he will speak to First Selectman-elect Paul Harrington in favor of continuing this project begun by First Selectman Kervick.

During Second Public Input, there was no input from the general public as no one other than Commissioners present. Discussion then flowed with regards to Jim Roche facing knee replacement surgery on November 30<sup>th</sup> and his recovery time of 10 weeks, so he will be unable to follow up on matters after that. Bob Pearce identified rotting tread at Reed House front porch stoop and need for a new tread. Discussion flowed as to the state of recent widening West Street with sidewalks begun and the disappointing removal of brownstone steps at the brick walk, condition of the landmark Copper Beech in front of the House Jim explained steps cannot lead into the street per code. Bob explained that in 1968, sidewalk was placed on the opposite side of West Street, opposite Reed's. Jim recommends that the standard Park Sign at Noden-Reed be replaced with reference to No Smoking and Cleanup After Your Dog.

With a motion of Jim Roche and a second from Jim Pearce, this meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm with all in agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

  
MICKEY DANYLUK, Chairman

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