

TOWN OF WINDSOR LOCKS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Meeting MINUTES: Tuesday, April 20, 2021

A regular meeting of the Historical Commission was held on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 in the Denslow Parlor of the Noden-Reed House at 58 West Street with observance of Covid-19 protocols. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mickey Danyluk at 6:32pm and followed an Agenda previously posted in the Town Clerk's Office. A Roll Call of Commissioners followed with the following in attendance: Jim Roche, Jr., Robert Pearce, Chester Pohorylo and Mickey Danyluk. There were no others attending, hence no public input offered. A motion was made by Jim and seconded by Chet to accept the Minutes of the last meeting (Nov. 17, 2020); all agreed. A Financial Report was not readily available and there have been no expenditures of its accounts. In terms of Old Business: there are no histories being compiled, other than Mickey's "This Week in WL History" which appears weekly in The WL Journal Weekly; no anniversaries forthcoming for observance; no further report on past Heritage Week. In terms of New Business: there are no histories in process, no pending anniversaries to observe and no Heritage Week (due to the restrictions of the pandemic). Regarding artifacts sought, Mickey reported that-- after 22 years since the establishment of the Commission, the Town has finally purchased the historic artifacts collection of the Windsor Locks Historical Society for \$1 thus ensuring that these precious articles will remain forever in town and covered under Town's insurance. As Curator, he signed the sales agreement with Selectman Kervick on March 29th. He will list all items in the Commission's Inventory Book (which has remained blank since the founding of the Commission on March 25, 1999; the Book is kept in the Town vault. As Curator this night, he surrendered several additional items not listed in the appraisal: The dropleaf cherry table with turned and carved legs (now currently exhibited in the N-R Dining Rm) and a set of 4 Tiger Maple Chairs with cane seats-- all from the Capt. Martin Denslow/Mary Webb family and the portrait of Dexter D. Coffin which since has been hanging in the rear Probate Court room at town hall. These were accepted by the Commission with a motion of Jim and second of Chet; all were in favor. Jim then provided an update on repairs to the brick barn. A grant was applied for in the amount of \$185,000 and \$200,000 was allotted. The contractor's low bid was \$99,000 over what has been allotted. Jim has compiled a letter Cross Key who would oversee the project (with its line items) to determine what item(s) might be postponed due to cost. Public Works Director has requested to hold off on sending the letter until details are worked out. The Commission thanked Jim for his work on this and the historic train station grant which is for \$128,000 with a commitment from the Town for an additional \$32,000 to replace doors, windows and gable trim. In terms of Expenditures, Mickey asked and received approval for \$65.02 to be taken from the anniversary fund for plastic sleeves needed in the compiling of his ongoing history: "On This Day In Windsor Locks History -- a calendar of commemorative days" with a motion of Robert and second of Chet; all agreed. In second general input, discussion flowed as to putting St. Mary's Church and Rectory on the Nat'l Register of Historic Places and Jim reported copies of the Bradley Beam remain in storage with a need for archival space. With all business addressed, a motion was made by Jim, second by Chet to adjourn at 7:12 pm; all agreed. The next scheduled meeting of the Commission is Tuesday evening, June 15, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,
Mickey Danyluk,
Chairman



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