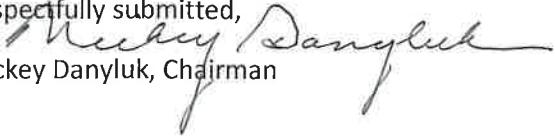


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TOWN OF WINDSOR LOCKS HISTORICAL COMMISSION Meeting MINUTES: Tuesday June 20, 2023

A regular meeting of the Commission was held Tuesday June 20, 2023 at the Noden-Reed House. The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:30pm and followed an Agenda filed earlier with the Town Clerk. Attending were Mickey Danyluk Chairman, Commissioners: Robert Pearce, James Pearce, Chet Pohorylo, and James Roche Jr. In the absence of a Recording Secretary, the Chair proceeded to take MINUTES for this meeting. There was no public input. With regards to a Financial Report- the Chair announced that the Commission was within its budget since it has operated without paying for a Recording Secretary. He related a transfer of Secretary funds to purchase a 2-drawer file cabinet which has been placed in the Town Clerk vault for valuable/sensitive materials incl Seth Dexter's logging record and his school books. An inventory of such materials placed there will be kept. The Chair has 1 key; Bob Pearce has agreed to hold the second. In terms of **Old Business**: there has been no publishing of local histories (other than the Chair's popular weekly column in WL Journal Weekly and assistance offered to Mel Montemerlo for historical postings on WL Forum), nor anniversary observances planned for and no acquisitions in process. There was no further report on Heritage Week 2023. Chairman reported that with the fiscal year about to close- a number of improvements have been made at Noden-Reed: replacement of the last 2 circuits of nearly century-old knob 'n tube wiring in the House (ceiling lights/switches), installation of a new foyer ceiling/moulding, new rear composite door and lockbox for fire department emergency access w/temporary house keys. ARPA funding has been secured by Town Meeting for the re-construction of the Green House. In terms of **New Business**- there are no anticipated publication of histories; with the 50th Anniv of the passing of Gladys Reed (Nov-2023) the Chairman suggested having an informal flower laying in Grove Cemetery and a newspaper article honoring the memory of the family which made the bequest of Noden-Reed possible. Heritage Week 2024 promises to be bigger/better than recent yrs having overcome Covid restrictions and w/the new leadership of Rachel, a teacher at the Middle School. The town budget for 2023-4 has been approved by voters incl an expenditure of \$310,000 for continued structural brick barn work as guided by engineer Crosskey. Decision on the Town's application for 2.5 million dollars to complete renovation of the historic train station is pending. Town Atty Landolina has provided an opinion that the N-Reed House and Barn museums are ADA exempt (but, that if renovations were to take place, 20% of the funding would need to address ADA adaptations). Additionally, of the \$11,348 approved for N-Reed improvements, some \$5,100 remains and although cannot be transferred to the Public Works budget, it is hoped that new House door locksets can be installed w/corresponding keys to the emergency box. Leaf Guards have been professionally installed on the House gutters. Much appreciation to Jim Roche for advocating and seeing these projects through. The upcoming Commission meetings are as follows (3rd Tuesday quarterly): 11/21/23, 2/20/24, 4/16/24, 6/18/24, 11/19/24. With a call for Public Input, Jim Pearce offered to move the ferry anchor rock, Grist Mill stones and bridge sign to the historical industrial park by the entrance to the Canal Park. He expressed a general consensus of disappointment in the removal of the brownstone steps/railing at the front of the House and the brick walk's present appearance. Jim Roche explained that TIF Funding was pledged for the work and follow-up is needed with Jen R. Valentino of the Town. With the meeting Agenda items addressed, there came a motion from Jim Roche and a second from Jim Pearce to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 pm. All agreed.

Respectfully submitted,


Mickey Danyluk, Chairman