

**CITY OF NORWALK
HISTORICAL COMMISSION
VIA TELECONFERENCE
OCTOBER 26, 2022**

ATTENDANCE: Dana Laird, Chair; Barry Belardinelli; Eric Chandler; Elizabeth Golden; Mark Johnson

OTHERS: Robert Castillo, Owner's Rep; Diane Jellerette, Norwalk Historical Society; Suzanne Gilgore and Douglas Hempstead, Lockwood Mathews Mansion Museum

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Laird called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM 9/28/2022

The following corrections were made to the minutes:

Correct the spelling of Lillian August and Rednis.

**** MR. CHANDLER MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS AMENDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public who wished to participate this evening.

4. REPORTS:

A. Norwalk Historical Society; Diane Jellerette

Ms. Jellerette reported they were in the middle of their twelfth season of their Haunting at Mill Hill. Last month they held their Cloak and Dagger, Espionage in the American Revolution presentation by Eric Chandler. Starting on November 10th they will be holding a virtual lecture on the history of the Star Spangled Banner.

B. Lockwood-Mathews Mansion Museum – Suzanne Gilgore

Ms. Gilgore reported that they had 300 students attending their educational programs. They will be opening an exhibition and everyone is invited to the reception. The Halloween tours are booked solid. The holiday exhibit will open on November 21st.

Ms. Gilgore said they are working on venues to keep their programs going in 2023 when they will be closed for construction. Ms. Kies, the Executive Director of Stepping Stones Museum for Children offered their conference room for four lectures in the spring and early summer.

a. LMMM code and public safety improvement project

Mr. Castillo noted that the Mansion would be closed for about 18 months and wanted to give the Commission an update. They solicited bids for a construction manager and selected a company that has been refining the scope of services for the project. They expect to start their contractual work as early as February 2023.

Mr. Hempstead described the process for emptying the Mansion of its furnishings and artifacts. They are going through the items to determine what items belong to the Mansion and seeking storage options.

5. **REPORTS:**

A. Buildings

Ms. Laird noted there are some delays with the kitchen construction.

B. Cemeteries

Ms. Laird said there are some new trees at Pine Island Cemetery.

C. Financials

There was no report presented this evening.

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

Ms. Laird said that they will need to have a discussion about demolition delays.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Laird asked for assistance to help her and a staff member go over bids for the Lockwood Mathews Mansion Museum. Ms. Golden volunteered to help.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

**** MR. CHANDLER MOVED TO ADJOURN
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Lombardi
Telesco Secretarial Services