

**CITY OF NORWALK
HISTORICAL COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 23, 2022
VIA ZOOM**

ATTENDANCE: Dana Laird, Chair; Barry Belardinelli; Eric Chandler;
Elizabeth Golden; Jordon Hensley; Lisa Wilson Grant;
Thomas Livingston

OTHERS: Patsy Brescia, Doug Hempstead and Susan Gilgore, Lockwood
Mathews Mansion Museum; Diane Jellerette, Daryn Rayman-Lock
and David Westmoreland, Norwalk Historical Society

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Laird called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR

This item was tabled the next meeting.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The acceptance of the minutes was tabled to the next meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public wished to comment this evening.

REPORTS FROM BOARDS:

Norwalk Historical Society

Ms. Jellerette reported on upcoming events, including a lecture tomorrow night in honor of Black History Month and a celebration of Earth Day on the Green in April. She reported that the Norwalk Historical Society will hold their first in person show at the Town House in May. They have been doing virtual tours of Mill Hill with Norwalk second grade students.

Lockwood Mathews Mansion

Ms. Gilgore thanked Mr. Westmoreland for the signage. She gave a report on repairs taking place at the Mansion. Ms. Gilgore reported on upcoming events including a new exhibition that will open in the spring.

Mr. Livingston asked about Netflix damage to the Mansion. Ms. Gilgore said the damage was minimal; a couple of window frames were damaged and will be repaired. In addition when they were packing their things, they broke a couple of glass globes on the chandelier. Funding was received to replace the glass globes. Overall, it was a great experience and was a financial success. Ms. Brescia said she was Chair at that time and reported that the Netflix people were very conscientious.

Mr. Hempstead thanked Mr. Livingston for shepherding the contract and expressed appreciation to Mr. Westmoreland. He said that he hoped that in taking Ms. Brescia's position as Chair that he can live up to her reputation. He urged everyone to protect the shoreline along the riverway. Ms. Brescia said she talked about having David Scott Parker give a 10-15 minute history lesson on the building of the Mansion at the next meeting.

REPORTS

Buildings:

Mr. Westmoreland reported that they are moving ahead with the low bidder for the kitchen project at the Mansion. This item will go before the Land Use and Building Management Committee for approval.

Cemeteries:

Mr. Westmoreland said that Mr. Mushak trimmed trees at Pine Island and started working on the wall at Pine Island as well.

FINANCIAL

Mr. Westmoreland reported that they are closing on spending all the money. He is shepherding the budget through the capital budget process. He noted they will not be getting funding for the Jail this year.

OLD BUSINESS

Deaccessioning of Norwalk Historical Society Items

Ms. Reyman-Lock said she is waiting for the initial list to be voted on. She said that anything that is deaccessioned with be sold and the money will go back to the Historical Society. Mr. Westmoreland noted that a vote tonight will help move this matter forward.

- ** MR. CHANDLER MOVED TO APPROVE THE DEACCESSIONING OF NORWALK HISTORICAL SOCIETY ITEMS**
- ** MR. BELARDINELLI SECONDED**
- ** MOTION PASSED WITH ONE (1) ABSTENTION (MR. LIVINGSTON)**

CLG Application – please send your resumes!

Resumes are needed for this CLG (Connecticut Local Grant) application.

NEW BUSINESS

Industrial Waterfront Study Resolution Discussion with David Westmoreland

- ** MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED TO SEND THE INDUSTRIAL WATERFRONT STUDY RESOLUTION TO PLANNING AND ZONING AS WRITTEN**

Mr. Livingston commended Mr. Westmoreland for doing a great job.

- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Westmoreland said the deadline for comments to the DOT architectural dig are due. He reviewed the main comments and suggested that anybody who wants to send comments should do so. Feedback is due by February 28, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT/SIGNOFF

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

There was no further business, and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Lombardi
Telesco Secretarial Services

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