

**CITY OF NORWALK  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
FEBRUARY 23, 2011**

ATTENDANCE: David Park, Chair; Peter Bondi; Eric Chandler; Joe Dilorio;  
Thom Dunlap; John Kurtzman; Clyde Mount;  
David Westmoreland; Charles Yost; Kathryn Martino (7:02 p.m.)

OTHERS: Patsy Brescia, Chair, Lockwood Mathews Mansion Museum;  
Robert Koch, Norwalk Hour

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Park called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES** – November 17, 2010

The following correction was made to the minutes:

Page 3: Norwalk Museum – Mr. Bondi presented a new logo for the Museum that was designed by Dan Price.

**\*\* MR. BONDI MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS CORRECTED**  
**\*\* MR. KURTZMAN SECONDED**  
**\*\* MOTION PASSED WITH TWO (2) ABSTENTIONS (MR. CHANDLER AND MR. MOUNT)**

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Mr. Park did not present a report this evening.

**REPORTS: BOARDS**

**A. Norwalk Historical Society**

Mr. Westmoreland reported that the Norwalk Historical Society will offer two programs this year.

Ms. Martino joined the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Mr. Westmoreland said that this is their first big collaboration with the Norwalk Quilt Trail. It is going well and they are looking for marketing sponsors. The Historical Society

received a grant to pay a conservator to do an assessment for the restoration of the Riverside Cemetery Civil War statue. They are also planning a series of events to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil War, including working with the Department of Veterans Affairs to set markers for seven unmarked graves of Civil War veterans in Riverside Cemetery.

B. Lockwood Mathews Mansion Museum

Ms. Brescia distributed her written report. She said that she will make an effort to attend monthly meetings and will provide written reports.

Ms. Brescia said that she believes the contract with David Scott Parker Architects has been signed. She said that Mr. Bondi and others have looked at the problem with the support system for the Port-Cochere at the Mansion. It will cost approximately \$19 – 20,000 to repair.

Ms. Brescia reported that they plan to open the Museum on April 8<sup>th</sup> and will focus on the Civil War and other cultural events. She said that she was happy to be working with Mr. Westmoreland and others on the quilt Trail project.

Ms. Brescia said that their biggest concern are the leaks in the roof. Mr. Bondi said that he and Mr. Draper met with the architect who designed the roof approximately 10 years ago. They need to get someone in to conduct a survey to determine what failed and where the leaks are coming from. He said that it is clearly a problem in the dining and billiards rooms.

Ms. Brescia said that they spent \$300,000 of private gifts to re-point the ceiling and wallpaper and renovate the Library. Going forward, they need to address snow removal. Parking is an issue and the new signage needs to be revised to better direct visitors.

**REPORTS:**

A. Buildings

Mr. Bondi reported that he, Mr. Lo and Mr. Westmoreland met with the architect at the jail to begin the restoration project. They should get a quote shortly to start the project.

Mr. Westmoreland said that he has been working on a site plan for Mill Hill and finished the parking analysis. He said that he created an RFP to paint the Town House and Little

Red Schoolhouse. It should be ready to go out soon. Mr. Mauro is waiting for good weather so he can complete the work on the Fitch Law office.

B. Cemetery

**REVIEW PROPOSAL BY AEGIS RESTAURO, LLC OF BELLE MEAD, NJ FOR CEMETERY MARKER CONSERVATION, PROJECT #3014 AT BROOKSIDE CEMETERY, ROWAYTON, FOR A SUM OF \$8,100**

Mr. Park explained that Ms. Laird and Mr. Westmoreland prepared an RFP for 10 cemetery markers at Brookside Cemetery. They received two proposals:

Apple Restoration - \$45,000

Aegis Restauro, LLC - \$8,100.

Mr. Park recommended going with the low bidder; they did the restoration at Mill Hill. Mr. Westmoreland said that the only cemetery left is Pine Island Cemetery.

**\*\* MR. WESTMORELAND MOVE TO APPROVE PROPOSAL BY AEGIS RESTAURO, LLC OF BELLE MEAD, NJ FOR CEMETERY MARKER CONSERVATION, PROJECT #3014 AT BROOKSIDE CEMETERY, ROWAYTON, FOR A SUM OF \$8,100**

**\*\* MR. MOUNT SECONDED**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

C. Finance

Mr. Westmorland reported that the City Finance Director recommended approval of two items submitted in the capital budget. He added that the expense budget is staying flat and it appears that it was accepted.

D. Norwalk Museum

Mr. Chandler did not present a report this evening.

**MUSEUM CURATOR'S AND ASSISTANT TO THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION REPORT**

Mr. Bondi reported that Ms. Gunn has been working with a lighting consultant for lighting in the Museum.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

A. Election of Officers 2011

- \*\* MR. CHANDLER NOMINATED MR. BONDI FOR CHAIRMAN**
- \*\* MR. YOST SECONDED**

Mr. Park asked three times if there were any other nominations. Hearing none the nominations were closed.

- \*\* MOTION PASSED WITH ONE (1) VOTE IN OPPOSITION (MR. PARK)**

- \*\* MR. BONDI NOMINATED MR. WESTMORELAND FOR VICE CHAIRMAN**
- \*\* MR. CHANDLER SECONDED**

Mr. Park asked three times if there were any other nominations. Hearing none the nominations were closed.

- \*\* MOTION PASSED WITH ONE (1) ABSTENTION (MR. WESTMORELAND)**

- \*\* MR. CHANDLER MOVED TO ADJOURN**
- \*\* MR. KURTZMAN SECONDED**
- \*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Lombardi  
Telesco Secretarial Services