

**CITY OF NORWALK
HISTORICAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - MAY 27, 2026
VIA ZOOM VIRTUAL CONFERENCE**

ATTENDANCE: Rich Stein, Chair; Mark Jackson; David Westmoreland; John Cusano; Dana Laird; Heather Dunn

STAFF: Michelle Andrzejewski

OTHERS: Diane Jellerette, Norwalk Historical Society; Susan Gilgore, Lockwood-Mathews Mansion Museum; Doug Hempstead, Lockwood-Mathews Mansion Museum

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Stein called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. There was a quorum present.

ROLL CALL

Chairman Stein acknowledged those present as above noted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 22, 2026

****MR. CUSANO MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES.**

****MOTION SECONDED BY MS. LAIRD.**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No public comments were received.

REPORTS FROM BOARDS

A. Norwalk Historical Society – Diane Jellerette provided an update on recent and upcoming events and programs.

B. Lockwood-Mathews Mansion Museum – Susan Gilgore provided an update on current and upcoming exhibitions and events. Doug Hempstead thanked the Commission for its support on the operating and capital budgets.

REPORTS

A. Buildings – David Westmoreland provided an update.

B. Cemeteries – David Westmoreland and Dana Laird provided updates.

C. Financials – David Westmoreland reported that the Commission is on track with spending.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Demolition Delay — vote in order to proceed to the Ordinance Committee

After discussion of the revised draft (including minor clarifications to definitions and language),

****MR. WESTMORELAND MOVED TO APPROVE THE REVISED DEMOLITION DELAY ORDINANCE AND FORWARD IT TO THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.**

****MOTION SECONDED BY MS. LAIRD.**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

NEW BUSINESS

A. Referral letter received for the proposed antenna to be placed on 45 South Main Street. The Commission discussed the referral letter. Staff was directed to first consult with SHIPO prior to providing any formal response.

B. Approval of the FY 2026-27 operating grants for the Lockwood-Mathews Mansion Museum and the Norwalk Historical Society (added by motion).

****MR. WESTMORELAND MOVED TO APPROVE ISSUING THE GRANTS (\$150,000 TO THE LOCKWOOD-MATHEWS MANSION MUSEUM AND \$150,000 TO THE NORWALK HISTORICAL SOCIETY).**

****MOTION SECONDED BY MR. STEIN.**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (MS. DUNN RECUSED).**

ADJOURNMENT

****MR. WESTMORELAND MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Courtney Baldwin
Recording Secretary