

**NORWALK HISTORICAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2024
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE**

ATTENDANCE: Dana Laird; Chair, Eric Chandler, Barry Belardinelli, Liz Golden,
Lisa Wilson-Grant

STAFF: Michelle Andrzejewski

OTHER: Diane Jellerette; Norwalk Historical Society, Susie
Gilgore; Lockwood Mathews Mansion, Patsy Brescia; Lockwood
Mathews Mansion (7:21 p.m.)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Laird called the Meeting to order at 7:06: P.M.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was listed as stated above

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation

4. REPORTS FROM BOARDS

- a. Norwalk Historical Society; Diane Jellerette

Ms. Jellerette started her presentation with a discussion about the opening of the time capsule from the old Norwalk YMCA. She explained the time capsule was originally placed in the cornerstone of the former YMCA building. She described the contents that were found inside. She stated the new home for the cornerstone and its contents would be the Norwalk Museum.

Ms. Jellerette then described several events coming up in the City of Norwalk. She mentions The Earth Day Celebration. She described who would be involved, items available, and a promise to keep speeches to a minimum. Ms. Jellerette stated they were also partnering with the Norwalk River Valley Trail and the Health Department for the River Walk. She stated the walk would start at Norwalk City Hall and end at Mill Hill.

Ms. Jellerette talked about the Martinis in May Tasting on May 9th. She stated it was a fundraiser for the Historical Society and would run from 6 to 8.

Ms. Jellerette said there will be a concert and garden party at Mill Hill on Friday, June 28th. She stated Perry and Friends would perform.

Ms. Jellerette gave a quick overview of several events on May 4th.

b. Lockwood-Mathews Museum; Susie Gilgore

Ms. Gilgore thanked the committee for their support. She also thanked Stepping Stones Museum for lending their space for Spring lectures. Ms. Gilgore stated they were invited by Senator Duff to participate in Norwalk Day in Hartford on April 30th. She also mentioned an evening event to honor one of their volunteers. Ms. Gilgore described the June 2nd event at Stepping Stones Museum featuring Becky Diamond. Ms. Diamond will be talking about The Gilded Age Cookbook she has written. Ms. Gilgore also mentioned the September flea market.

5. REPORTS;

b. Buildings *

There was no report on this item.

c. Cemeteries

Ms. Laird said she went through Pine Island. She noted there was a tree that didn't look well. She also stated that they had to stop putting debris down on the old Love Lane because there were graves there.

d. Financials

There was no report on this item.

6. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Laird discussed an email about the saved 32 Knight Street façade. She said the email was about what color to paint the façade. They opted for white which is consistent with buildings from that period.

Ms. Brescia arrived at 7:21 p.m.. She thanked the committee for all the support given to the Lockwood-Mathews Museum. She said she would have a slide show for the next meeting. Ms. Brescia described some of the work currently going on at the mansion.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR 3-27-24

**** MS. LAIRD MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES.
** MR. BELARDINELLI SECONDED THE MOTION.
** THE MOTION PASSED WITH FOUR AYES AND TWO ABSTENTIONS
(MS. GOLDEN AND MR. BELARDINELLI)**

9. ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. CHANDLER MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.
** MS. GOLDEN SECONDED THE MOTION
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
China Mayhew
Telesco Secretarial Service.