



**Meeting Date:** Monday, January 23, 2023

**Meeting Type:** Regular Meeting of the Commission; held in person

**Attendees:** Maria Boyes (Chair), Jennifer Jaruzelski (Vice-Chair), Jacqueline Brevard, Carol Tener (Town Historian), Ann Freedman (Planning Board), Greg Blasi, Mary Anne Healy-Rodriguez, Kathryn Reed, Maryellen McVeigh, Tom Jardim (Town Attorney)

**Absent:** Mark LoGrippo (Town Council Liaison), Katie Spikes, Barton Ross (Historic Preservation Officer), Kelly Kessler

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes of the November 28, 2022, meeting was made by Jennifer Jaruzelski and seconded by Jacqueline Brevard. The minutes were approved.

**New Business:**

Introductions were made by all members. Signed oaths of Maryellen McVeigh and Mary Ann Healy-Rodriguez were delivered to be forwarded to Maureen Lawshe, Town Clerk.

Membership list was distributed with no noted corrections and a short discussion of Class (A, B, C) listing.

Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary positions were voted on:

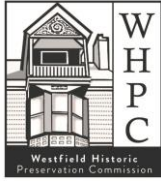
1. Jennifer Jaruzelski nominated Maria Boyes for the chair position. Nomination was seconded by Carol Tener. Motion was carried unanimously.
2. Carol Tener nominated Jennifer Jaruzelski for Vice Chair; the nomination was seconded by Ann Freedman. Motion carried was unanimously.
3. Jennifer Jaruzelski nominated Maryellen McVeigh for Secretary; the nomination was seconded by Ann Freedman. Motion was carried unanimously.

Meeting schedule for 2023 was distributed and after discussion, the scheduled September 25, 2023, meeting was moved to September 18, 2023, in recognition of a conflict with Yom Kippur. Motion to approve the change was made by Jennifer Jaruzelski and seconded by Jaqueline Brevard. The motion was carried unanimously. Discussion of the possibility of moving summer meetings to a Zoom format was discussed; issue was tabled.

**Old Business:**

Maria Boyes read a letter from Barton Ross, the Historic Preservation Officer relating to the demolition of the carriage house at 544 First St. After consulting with the town archivist, it has been determined the structure is not identified in town records and does not have historic value.

Committee discussion of minor changes to the ordinance. Slight changes within ordinance including technical and wording clarification will be reviewed by Council on February 1, 2023. Tom Jardim to forward to Barton Ross and Maria Boyes.



Historic Preservation Commission Committee Assignments were discussed for the following committees: Communications, Devlin Awards, Design, Designation and Historic Homeowners Relations, Funding Incentives. A complete listing of assignments will be circulated by Maria Boyes.

Jennifer Jaruzelski reported on the “Build Westfield in Lego” workshop. It is sold out with 50 teams registered for the event. Teams will have the opportunity to choose from 58 different historic properties to reconstruct using Lego blocks. Histories of the buildings will be provided to participants. The project is a collaboration with the Westfield Recreation Department. The event will take place on February 11, 2023, in the Westfield High School Cafeteria B. Discussion on how to preserve the designs including with photographs, posters.

Discussion of February 27, 2023, meeting Meet and Greet event. Event to include introduction of members to the public and a talk by Anastasia Harrison discussing Stoneleigh Park history and, specifically, her home. Three new nominations to be designated as a historic property from Stoneleigh Park will also be acknowledged at that meeting.

Discussion of the month of May being National Preservation Month and possible related activities that could be presented by the Commission during the month.

Open meeting; no public comments.

Motion to adjourn made by Mary Ann Healy Rodriguez. Seconded by Ann Freedman. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 pm.