

City of Norwalk
Museum Restructuring Committee
May 9, 2012 -MINUTES

Attendance: Judith Bacal, Patsy Brescia, James Brown, James Clark, Mary Alice Fitzgerald, Erin Halsey, Rick McQuaid, Mary Roman, Scott Wands, David Park, David Westmoreland,

Guests: Susan Gunn-Bromley

This was the first of tours to be taken in the next few weeks and was on-site and in-formal.

Ms. Gunn-Bromley took us on a tour of the Norwalk Museum, and gave us all a **“brief” synopsis of what we were about to see.**

We began our tour in the Lockwood Room, or Oyster Room and went on to explain various artifacts and the history behind each one.

Other rooms visited were the Norwalk Museum Store, which contained many interesting items for sale, both historical and more recent pieces.

The tour continued through the various showcases containing everything from pottery and china, quilts, glassware, signage, dolls, books, etc, all of which were filled with history and intrigue.

We then toured the old drug stores, which was fascinating. From the many, many drawers, to the ladder that slid up and down the wall, to the old phone booth and wooden cash register, this room capture the true essence of Old Norwalk.

There were hats, and boxes...and more boxes...and MORE boxes all throughout the museum. Downstairs in the basement, there are several larger items, including a couple of large molds for casting something (!), several dress forms used in that era, and even a very large, very heavy old traffic light.

There were also many boxes of stone and clay artifacts, furniture, paintings, and a plethora of antique items.

The Conference Room upstairs houses the vault and within that vault, many, many vital records, books, photos, old newspapers, and box after box of papers and pictures. There were catalogue shelves, scanning machines and a computer used for research.

Ms. Gunn-Bromley gave a very through tour for the time allotted. Now the challenge begins on were to house these fabulous relics.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm