

**TOWN OF EAST LYME
HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
Wednesday, JANUARY 8th, 2014**

Present: Luane Lange, Chairman; Mark Christenson; Steve Marks-Hamilton; Elizabeth Murphy, Secretary & Alternate; Maggi Prokop, Alternate

Also Present: Tracy Collins, Town Counsel

Absent: Burt Hobby, Carol Hallas, Richard Waterman, Alternate

Call to Order

Chairman Lange called the January 8, 2014 Public Hearing of the Town of East Lyme Historic Properties Commission to order at 7:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Lange led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome

Ms. Lange introduced the members of the Historic Properties Commission to the audience and explained that the Public Hearing this evening is to receive comments regarding the designation of the Samuel Smith House as an historic property and the State requires that this be done as a part of this procedure. She thanked past member Norm Peck for all of his help with this process.

Notice of Hearing

Ms. Lange asked Ms. Murphy, Secretary to read the Notice of Public Hearing. She noted that this notice was published in the Day paper on 12/29/2013 and 1/5/14. (Copy of public hearing notice attached).

Ms. Murphy read the following:

Notice is hereby given of a Public Hearing to be held by the East Lyme Historic Properties Commission at 7 PM on January 8, 2014 at the East Lyme Town Hall, 108 Pennsylvania Avenue, Niantic, Connecticut to receive comments regarding the designation of the Samuel Smith House as an historic property. A copy of the report of the Historic Properties Commission regarding said property is on file at the office of the East Lyme Town Clerk and is available for inspection during business hours. Interested persons are invited to attend and be heard. Dated at East Lyme, Connecticut on this 16th day of December 2013.

Ms. Lange noted the Public Hearing procedure asking that those wishing to speak please state their name, address, and organization/position within the organization if applicable. She explained that as part of the procedure that comments were also solicited from various agencies as required by the State as well as from the State. She then noted that they had received written correspondence from the State and asked Ms. Murphy to read the letter into the record.

Ms. Murphy read a letter dated November 8, 2013 received from Mary Dunne, Architectural Historian at the State Department of Economic and Community Development into the record stating that the Historic Preservation Council had voted unanimously to recommend approval of the East Lyme Historic Properties Commission's study report for the proposed Samuel Smith House historic property and that they fully support and encourage the protection and preservation of this outstanding architectural resource. (Letter attached)

Ms. Lange then called for anyone from the public wishing to comment.

Marvin Schutt, 29 North Edgewood Road, said that he is the President of the Friends of Samuel Smith House and Property, Inc. and that they wish to thank Ms. Lange and the members of the Historic Properties Commission for processing the paper work and obtaining the required approvals for the Samuel Smith House & Property, Inc. to be preserved in perpetuity by a required Ordinance. He thanked them for this opportunity to be heard. (Statement submitted and attached)

Norman Peck, 32 West Main Street said that he is the President of the East Lyme Historical Society which fully supports the Samuel Smith House as a historic property. They are fully in favor of such designation for such important pieces of history to be forever preserved.

Ms. Lange asked if there were any other comments from the public –
Hearing none –

Ms. Lange thanked everyone for coming and closed this Public Hearing at 7:12 PM.

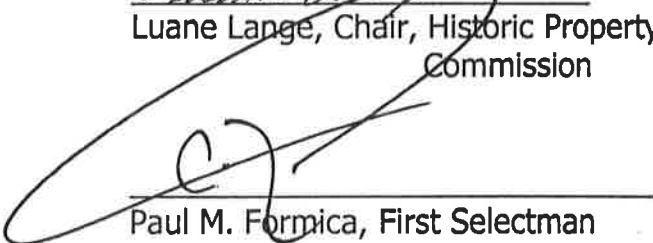
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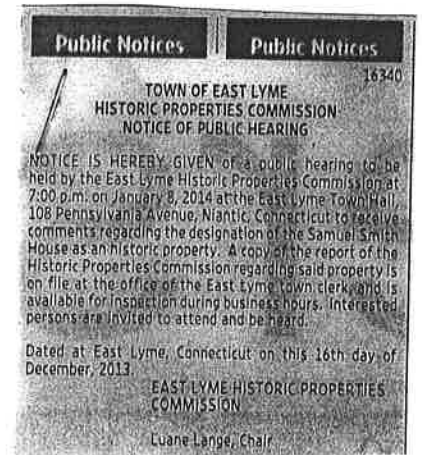
Karen Zmitruk,
Recording Secretary, Pro-Tem

RETURN OF POSTING AND PUBLICATION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

I hereby certify that on December 29, 2013, and again on January 5, 2014, I published in The Day, a newspaper having a general circulation in the Town of East Lyme, a notice of Public Hearing to be held on January 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m., to gather public input on the designation of the Samuel Smith House as an Historic Property.


Luane Lange, Chair, Historic Property
Commission


Paul M. Formica, First Selectman



1/5/14

Attachment Hist. Prop. 1/8/14



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November 8, 2013

Ms. Luane Lange
Chair, East Lyme Historic Properties Commission
Town of East Lyme
108 Pennsylvania Avenue
Niantic, CT 06357

Re: Samuel Smith House
East Lyme, Connecticut

Dear Ms. Lange:

I am pleased to inform you that at its November 6, 2013 meeting, the Historic Preservation Council voted unanimously to recommend approval of the East Lyme Historic Properties Commission's study report for the proposed Samuel Smith House historic property.

The council fully supports and encourages the protection and preservation of this outstanding architectural resource.

Please keep me informed of the progress of this designation. In the meantime if you have any questions regarding this notification, please feel free to contact me at (860) 256-2756.

Sincerely,

Mary Dunne
Architectural Historian

State Historic Preservation Office

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My Name is MARVIN SCHUTT

1/8/2014

I live at 29 NORTH EDGEWOOD ROAD, NIANTIC CT 06357

I am President of The Friends of Samuel Smith House and Property, Inc.

I have 2 statements to make as follows:

“The Friends” thank President Luane Lange and Members of the Historic Properties Commission for processing the paper work and obtaining required approvals for Samuel Smith House and Property, Inc. to be preserved in perpetuity by a required Ordinance.

I can assure you that the House and Property are in good hands such as it was when the Thomas Lee House was saved more than 100 years ago by people like us.

Attachment Hist. Prop. 1/8/14 submitted