

EAST LYME HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 21, 2015
EAST LYME TOWN HALL 700 PM

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLIGIANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT; R. Waterman, L. Lange, S. Hamilton – Marks, B. Murphy, M. Christensen, M. Nickerson First Selectman and Joanie DiMartino, Ex.Dir., Smith-Harris

DELEGATIONS - J. DiMartino discussed the boundaries of the Smith-Harris House re: background to becoming a CLG Historic Property.

Also with Smith-Harris House STEPS Program they will be having a member of the CT ADA Commission – E. Sherman coming to meet with them in the very near future. She explained that S Smith House and/or Lee House could sit in on the discussion. Possible discussion of portable ramps for house access.

The mission statement that was passed on to the ELHPC group was an outcome of the STEPS Program.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 17, 2015 MEETING, with the correction of the spelling of J. DiMartino's name. M. Christensen- S. Marks-Hamilton unanimous.

R. Waterman was seated as an Alternate Member tonight.

CORRESPONDENCE - Letter of HP approval to President N. Peck of the Thomas Lee House regarding the replacement of the roof. Which will be the same as the current roof. Also a letter to the S Smith House regarding a sign in the front, which has been approved by the TOWN.

Discussion of the calculated wage of volunteer house in CT is \$26.43 – the Nat'l Average is \$22.55.

L. Lange reported that Martina DeNali had visited the archive room in the EL Library requesting help in getting her house placed on the Historic Registrar.

L. Lange reported that the Gil Gunn House on East Society Road has not yet been sold.

Niantic River Bridge – Cini Park art work is still in the works, under the direction of Al Sher.

L. Lange reported that the Archeological Survey team PAST, M. Harper, reported that the results will be presented in February.

Scenic Roads:. M. Christensen reported that a new metal (silver) guard rail has been installed on Walnut Hill Road near the Tinker House, after the retaining wall collapsed. Thought a Scenic Roads brochure is available as a document from the Planning Office. The "user friendly" version developed by the HP Commission will be included as part of the packet, with the HP Grants Resources document.

The final draft of the Grant Resources document was distributed to commission members for their final review. J. DiMartino volunteered to add the website links of the identified resources to the HP draft.

S. Marks-Hamilton reported that drainage issues at the Lee House have been corrected with drains off the corners into the grounds away from the house. New windows, screens, bulkhead door for more air distribution. And that several trees have been removed for the protection of the house.

N. Peck President of the EL Historical Soc and S. Marks-Hamilton have been discussing the painting of the sign above the door of the School House.

NEW BUSINESS; The Board of Selectmen at their September 16, 2015 Meeting voted to forward the amount of \$2,700, for care and maintenance of the House to the Board of Finance for the Samuel Smith House under the direction/stewardship of the EL Historic Properties Commission.

ELHPC will meet October 5, 2015 to discuss historic properties preservation guidelines for leases. The Town has asked for "bullets" from the Friends of Samuel Smith and HP. The Friends are developing their specific items for consideration.

Meeting Adjourned – R. Waterman – M. Christensen unanimous

Respectfully submitted, Elizabeth H. Murphy