

EAST LYME HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 16, 2016
EAST LYME TOWN HALL 700 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: L. Lange, S. Marks-Hamilton, B. Murphy, D. Cunningham ex-officio, M. Christensen arrived at 7:38 pm.

Pledge to the Flag

S. Marks-Hamilton brought up the subject of 1750 Capt. Noah Lester House which is being restored by Tom Hall. He was wondering if there was any Grants money available to individuals restoring private historic properties. Discussion re: Preservation Grant Funding.

A discussion of all the preservation support groups including the Historic Properties Commission, its being recognized as one of Ct Historic Property Commissions and a Certified Local Government (CLG) which opens many doors to State and Federal Funds, by way of different types of grants. In order to qualify for some of these grants/funds these properties must owned by the requesting agency or have a lease with the Town if they are owned by the Town. This applies to The Smith-Harris House, Lee House, Samuel Smith House, EL Historic Cemeteries because they are 501c3 designated as well as the Historic Properties Commission by way of the Town. D. Cunningham, BOS ex-officio to the HPC volunteered to work on a flow chart which would explain the way these organizations are related to each other and the Town.

Minutes of January 19, 2016 – S, Marks-Hamilton – L. Lange unanimous

Samuel Smith House – L. Lange made sure that all the Selectmen had copies of the enclosures she had given the First Selectman in January for 2016-2017 Budget. M. Nickerson First Selectman has emailed Boards and Commissions to expect very small budget increases this budget process. The Archeological Report/lecture at the Niantic Community Church was well received. L. Lange will check to make sure all the correct paperwork has been completed for that Grant. She also reported that Phase II Application has been submitted.

Bike Ride Meeting – M Christensen reported that there will be a 10 mile ride included in the October 1, 2016 - Open Spaces – Historic Places and EL Bikes and Barbecue Ride, the 10 mile ride will include stops are the three Historic Houses. They are requesting help with all the planning and arrangements that need to be done this Spring. EL Parks and Recreation is coordinating these efforts the next meeting will be March 1, 2016 at the EL P & R Office at 600 PM. Attendance is requested.

S. Marks-Hamilton showed the group the sign he has done for the Little Boston School House which correctly reflects that it was established in 1734 and the actual building is c 1803.

Niantic River Bridge project is on hold for the winter. B. Murphy reported that she attended a public hearing for the Mago Point area of Waterford. Much discussion re: Zoning and Planning of the area. Report of the Mago Point Business Association, they requests, which included the St of CT installing a stairway on the EL side of the bridge to match the one on the WTFD side.

The ELHCP Grants Publication is on the EL Web Page for public access.

Black Point- Lambert/Perry Property has been presented (we believe) to the Zoning Commission.

M. Christensen mentioned the EL Agriculture Committee is hosting Commissioner of Agriculture Steven Reviczky, and the Executive Director of the CT Farm Bureau, Henry Tallimage – A CELEBRATION OF AGRICULTURE IN EAST LYME to be held March 16, 2016 from 6pm-7pm at the East Lyme Town Hall. Light farm to table refreshments will be provided. RSVP Nancy Kalal tomnancy8934@yahoo.com

Meeting Adjourned

S. Marks – Hamilton – M. Christensen unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth H. Murphy, Secretary