

EAST LYME HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION
MEETING 700 PM MARCH 21, 2016
EAST LYME TOWN HALL, 108 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE
EAST LYME, CT

MEMBERS PRESENT: D. Cunningham, Ex-Officio, B. Johnson Low, S. Marks-Hamilton, M. Prokop, B. Murphy, M. Christensen, R. Waterman

Delegations: J. DiMartino- Smith-Harris House, Thomas Hall – House on Riverview Road.

Pledge to Flag

Thomas Hall has recently purchased a 1750 House on Riverview Road which he is working to restore. He showed pictures of the inside and outside of the house and grounds. A future visit of the Commission is planned. It was also suggested that he pursue the prospects of getting listed on the Nat'l Historic Register.

Minutes of February 16, 2016 - Motion M. Christensen – S. Marks Hamilton unanimous 1 abstention.

No Correspondence

Old Business

Samuel Smith House, the se corner wall has been exposed in preparation for the raising the corner and replacing the basement wall. This is being done pro-bono, the same person will repair/re-point the chimney in the future. M. Christensen will test the gardens for spring planting, Bee Hives will be placed in the north corner lot. A large branch has been removed near the driveway. Radgowski Outreach workers were there for four days removing cedar trees, cutting brush, cleaning out the basement of old water tank etc. The 2016-17 Budget is in the hands of the Board of Finance. Lease proposal was given to the First Selectman to pass onto the Town Attorney. (Many Grants cannot be applied for unless there is a Lease with the Town). The House will be Open for the CT Open House Day June 11. A. Carlson has uncovered a sail boat - Bark Design in the barn, scratched in to the paneling.

Thomas Lee House – is planning a work party April 2, to clean the house, which is more than regular opening, because of the roof replacement this fall. And rake, remove branches on the grounds. House will also be Open for CT Day June 11. And 5th grade programs are planned for May 20 & 23. Outreach Workers will be at the House May 2 & 3rd.

Niantic River Bridge-Cini Park Project. L. Lange has been in contact with EL Public Works Director Joseph Bragaw.

Archaeological Survey Project = Phase II , is in the hands of the State, no word yet.

Commission Grants Publication – is on the Town Website.

Black Point – Lambert/Perry Property – no further information

East Lyme House Inventory – discussion, review 137-163, will be at a Special Meeting in the very near future.

Reports

Smith-Harris Update – J. DiMartino reported that a joint meeting of the 3 Historic House was held in the Library with the State Human Rights Representative, which was very informative and helpful. They have been working on the ANGELS Project Grant which they received which includes cataloging, how to store the textiles of which the Smith-Harris House has many. She also mentioned that she is working with the New England Museum Institute Convention planned for November in Mystic for a tour of the Stone Church Cemetery regarding the repair of the old, broken stones. G. Lakowsky is planning a spring clean up work shop for early spring.

M. Christensen reported on the October 1 Bike Ride being planned to include all three Historic Houses with tours etc. Volunteers are needed for all phases of the ride which will include a Kids ride in Rocky Neck, up to including a 65 mile ride through Lyme and Salem. Sponsorship is \$250 and participation is \$65. A ticket may be purchased which includes only a meal. Next planning, March 29, 6 p.m., Parks & Rec Office.

B. Murphy reported a request from the Oswegatchie Hills Coalition for the Historic Properties Commission to support its efforts in protecting the Hills and Niantic River Water Shed. B. Johnson Low – M. Christensen unanimous.

Ex Officio: D. Cunningham remarks.

Meeting Adjourned,

B. Low- S. Marks-Hamilton. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth H. Murphy, Secretary