

**EAST LYME HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**EAST LYME TOWN HALL**  
**April 2, 2019**

**Members present:** Barb Johnson Low, Maggi Prokop, Mark Christensen, Rod McCauley, Benn Bullock, Richard Waterman, Dan Cunningham

Meeting opened at 7:01 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

**PUBLIC DELEGATIONS:** Town of East Lyme Planning Director Gary Goeschel

**AGENDA ADDITIONS:** None.

**MINUTES:** Benn moved, Rod seconded approval of minutes as amended to list members present at top of Minutes page. Passed, unanimous.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Budget:** The Selectmen added \$500 to the \$2500 Samuel Smith Farmstead budget. And the Budget committee subsequently approved this increase.
- **Historic Properties / Library Collaboration:** Barb is submitting the CTH quick grant for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of East Lyme High School digitizing, video and multimedia exhibit on April 5.

**POCD Update:** We discussed and amended the Historic Properties Commission POCD report that Dick and Steve drafted. (Please see attached). Barb will update it, submit it for HPC approval through email, and then pass it along to the Planning Director. HPC's primary recommendation is to combine the town zoning and planning commissions.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Barb introduced EL Planning Director Gary Goeschel. Gary has graciously offered to help Samuel Smith Farmstead and other HPC members write grants that support our needs. He and Benn will work on a grant for \$93,000 in needed physical repairs to the farmstead.

The 2019 CT State Historic Preservation conference will take place on May 17 and 18, and will offer workshops on grantsmanship.

**REPORTS**

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May 7 2019 AT 8:35 AM/PM  
Richard Waterman  
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

- **Bike and BBQ:** New bike route is mapped out, and the event will again be held at the Brookside Farm Museum.
- **Brookside Farm Museum**– Clean up day is April 13. Plant sale is May 11. Annual meeting is June 1.
- **Cemetery Association** – Spraying “Wet and Forget” weed killer throughout area.
- **The Samuel Smith Farmstead** – Clean up day is May 4.
- **Thomas Lee House:** Barn is built. Mail truck to be delivered to barn on April 11. Prisoners will be doing grounds work on April 9.
- **East Lyme House Inventory** – Barb is investigating possibility of writing grant to complete inventory through 1920 and to produce virtual tours of our three historic homes.
- **National Register of Historic Properties / Historic House Inventory** – Town has over 200 buildings built prior to 1900 though not all are in reflective of the period. As many are concentrated in either the Smith Street / Smith Avenue area, the Crescent Beach area or the Flanders School area, HP team suggests the Town might consider naming these areas as historic neighborhoods, but not historic districts, as this term may carry with it architectural / construction restrictions.
- **Flow Chart** - in process.
- **Destination Town Brochure** – in process.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20PM Motion by Benn second by Rod. Unanimous.

**MEMBERS:** B. Johnson Low, Chair, Maggi Prokop, Clerk, Mark Christensen, Steve Marks-Hamilton, R. McCauley. Alternate members B. Hobby, R. Waterman, Benn Bullock

Respectfully submitted,  
Maggi Prokop bjl