

**EAST LYME HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
EAST LYME TOWN HALL
May 7, 2019**

Members present: Barb Johnson Low, Maggi Prokop, Burt Hobby, Benn Bullock, Steve Marks-Hamilton, Richard Waterman, Dan Cunningham. Alternates Dick Waterman and Benn Bullock were seated.

Meeting opened at 7:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC DELEGATIONS: None

AGENDA ADDITIONS: None.

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

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Historic Properties / Library Collaboration:** The CTH quick grant for the 50th anniversary of East Lyme High School digitizing, video and multimedia exhibit on April 5 has been submitted but was declined for this quarter.
- **POCD Update:** Barb submitted our POCD recommendations to the town. HPC's primary recommendation is to combine the town zoning and planning commissions. Dick and Burt will attend the next POCD meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Writing and getting grants: Benn and Gary Goeschel have begun work on the grant for the for \$93,000 in identified needed physical repairs at the Samuel Smith Farmstead. The request will include rebuilding the chimney & fireplaces, installing a new roof on the House, and replacement / repair to 2 structural beams in the House and 1 structural beam in the Barn.

- The 2019 CT State Historic Preservation conference will take place on May 17 and 18. Dick moved and Benn seconded a motion to pay for one attendee from our commission. Motion carried.

REPORTS

- **Bike and BBQ:** No update.

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- **Brookside Farm Museum**– Plant sale is May 11. Annual meeting is June 1. Open House is April 8 from 10AM – 3PM.
- **Cemetery Association** – No update.
- **The Samuel Smith Farmstead** – Clean up day was May 4. Garden plots were cleaned up and are ready for planting. Forty-six planting beds are available and to date about fourteen are taken. On June 15, the Samuel Smith Farmstead will receive a plaque marking Early Domestic Architecture of Connecticut from the Charter Oak Chapter Connecticut Colonial Dames XVII Century.
- **Thomas Lee House:** Barn is built. Fire truck and Mail truck are delivered. Flea Market is Memorial Day Weekend. Burt is working on leather goods and is willing to share his tools with the house. We will also ask Barb to develop some research on the early fire department, as her father was chief for many years.
- **East Lyme House Inventory** – No update.
- **National Register of Historic Properties / Historic House Inventory** – No update
- **Collections Management** - Progressing.
- **Flow Chart** - in process. Dan will provide an update in June.
- **Destination Town Brochure** – Burt is working on drafting something for our next meeting.
- **Signage**- We are in discussion with Senator Paul Formica regarding posting signage for all three town historic homes on I-95 and on state roads.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:18PM Motion by Burt, second by Benn. 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