

**TOWN OF EAST LYME  
BROOKSIDE FARM MUSEUM  
REGULAR MEETING UPDATES  
Wednesday, JUNE 26th, 2019**

**Present:** Gary Lakowsky, Chairman, Richard MacDonald, Robert Patterson,

**Also Present:** Josh Taylor, Curator  
Donna Massung, President of Friends  
Kathleen Patterson, Chairperson of Collections Committee  
Dan Cunningham, BOS Ex-Officio

**Absent:** Maggi Prokop, Bob Seifel, Cheri Meier, Chuck Massung

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Lakowsky called the June 26, 2019 meeting of the Brookside Farm Museum to order at 7:09 PM. He noted that as there is no quorum that they would not be voting on any items and that this would just serve as an update on their events.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Tabled to the next meeting.

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**3. Reports**

↳ **Agenda Additions**

No additions.

July 2 20 19 AT 10:00 AM/PM  
Karen Yellin  
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

↳ **Public Delegations**

Kathleen Patterson, Collections Committee reported that the Master Gardener Diane Earl had provided a plan to remove the inappropriate plants/invasives in the border near the fence and a plan for re-planting of the area. They are aiming to complete this during a three week period and the plan includes a list of the plants that are to be donated by other master gardeners. They are absolutely thrilled with this plan and gesture from Ms. Earl and others.

Mr. Patterson noted that they could to have come to where they are now without the help of the inmates who have worked with them and said that they would 'get it done'.

Ms. Patterson said that there were no collections.

↳ **Ex-Officio Report**

Mr. Cunningham, Ex-Officio said that the new budgets start next week. He noted that the new bathrooms are installed at Cini Park and that as they may have read; there is some controversy over the hours that they are open. This is something that is being worked on.

↳ **Curator Report**

Mr. Taylor reported that the panels were well received at the open house. He said that now that he is full time at the Coast Guard that his hours with them would be sporadic. He will work on putting the items on the shelves.

Mr. Patterson asked if he would want to fill in some of his hours on Sunday or give tours on the weekends.

Mr. Taylor said that he would not be able to do that at this time.

#### ↓ **Chairman's Report**

Mr. Lakowsky reported that they would be starting a new budget on July 1, 2019 and that most of the current budget is done and spent or encumbered as in the case of the dehumidifier for the House. Also, the Logo reveal went extremely well; they had a good turnout and received a proclamation from the State.

#### ↓ **Financial Report**

- **Status Update**

Reported above.

- **Presentation of Bills**

There were none.

- **Barn Rental**

Mr. Lakowsky noted that Ms. Meier was going to take over the barn rentals.

- **Budget**

The new budget period begins July 1, 2019.

#### ↓ **Collections Committee**

Ms. Patterson said that she did not have anything to report.

#### ↓ **Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

### **4. OLD Business**

#### ↓ **Property Maintenance**

- **General Maintenance Report** – Mr. Lakowsky reported that the floor was put down on the porch and that Mr. Patterson had done the bathroom shelving and wall painting. The inmates have worked on the grounds and cleared the pathway. During this process they noticed a tree that was down blocking the pathway – the Town is going to clear it out. The dehumidifier installation for the House is to take place on July 22, 2019. This should greatly help with the moisture in the House.

Mr. Patterson said that the low trees that were hanging over the driveway were clipped and that the Town had filled in the potholes in the driveway although some were coming back.

Ms. Patterson noted that the Emerald Ash Borer is the cause of some of the tree 'deaths' that they have on the property.

Mr. Lakowsky said that one half of the fence is painted on both sides and that he had run out of paint.

Mr. Lakowsky noted that Mr. Bence is getting someone for the chimney and the clapboards.

#### ↓ **Museum Development**

Nothing to report.

↓ **Upcoming Events:**

- **Exploring History Day** – October 14, 2019
- **Spirit Voices** – October 19, 2019
- **Open House** – December 8, 2019
- **Museum Open Days Staffing** – Mr. Lakowsky asked that they look at their calendars and let him know which Sundays they would be available to cover. Mr. Taylor has done self-explanatory boards that would be a great help with answering questions. He asked that they get back to him by the end of the next week – the hours for coverage are 1 PM to 3 PM on Sundays in July and August.  
**July Sundays** – 7/7; 7/14; 7/21; & 7/28  
**August Sundays** – 8/4; 8/11; 8/18; & 8/25.

**5. NEW Business**

- ↓ **Property Maintenance** –Mr. Lakowsky said that the Niantic Lions had given them a check for \$500 for the front porch repairs. They need approximately \$7000 for this and he suggested that they do a fundraiser to try to get there.

↓ **Museum Development**

- **Middle School Program for 2020** (Bob Seifel)
- **Puppetry Barn Usage** – Mr. Patterson said that this was not looking good at this time.

**6. Adjournment**

Mr. Lakowsky adjourned this update meeting at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Zmitruk,  
Recording Secretary, Pro-Tem