

# EAST LYME HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION

Brookside Farm Barn, Niantic

September 1, 2020

**Members present:** Barb Johnson Low, Burt Hobby, Steve Marks-Hamilton, Benn Bullock, Dick Waterman, Mark Christensen, Maggi Prokop, Rod McCauley.

Meeting opened at 7:05 PM

FILED

Pledge of Allegiance

Oct 5 2020 AT 10:15 AM/PM  
Kenneth Miller  
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

**PUBLIC DELEGATIONS:** None

**AGENDA ADDITIONS:** None.

**MINUTES:** August minutes approved. Motion by Steve, second by Burt, unanimous.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** NONE

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Grant Proposal:** Benn reiterated that in June and July he provided 100% of the information requested by Town Planner Gary Goeschel so that Gary could complete and submit the grant on behalf of the Town as promised by July 31. However, to his knowledge, the grant has not been completed and submitted. Also, despite their individual and collective efforts, neither Benn (Friends of Samuel Smith Farmstead, Inc., President) nor Barb (Historic Properties Chair) has been able to reach Gary regarding this matter. Barb will make the First Selectman and the Finance Director aware of the situation.
- **Revolutionary War Day:** Benn distributed a detailed schedule for the entire day. Barb has sent a press packet including the schedule to both the Post Road Review and the New London Day.
- **Circa Signs:** With so many things going on at the Revolutionary War event, believe it may be wise to omit selling Circa Signs from the day's events.
- **Museum Collections and Resource Management:** Barb continues to work with EL Library staff to research and develop a Local History web presence through the East Lyme Public Library Website. As part of this research we have discovered that while the **ConnTours APP** would be free to the town, it does have some flaws that we could avoid if we use a different platform. We're making progress...

**NEW BUSINESS: None**

**REPORTS:**

**Brookside Farm: No report**

**Cemetery Association:**

- Rod reported that the team is spending the summer completing D-2 Spraying and powers cemetery clean-up.

**Destination Brochure:** Burt reported that this is in progress.

**Flow Chart:** No report.

**Museum Collections & Management:** Please see Old Business

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**Samuel Smith Farmstead:** In addition to his report under Old Business, Benn reported

- The contractor is working on the west side of the house.
- Clapboard replacement on the front of the house has started using in-house labor and should be completed before the end of the month.
- Planning continues for the Revolutionary War Day on September 12.
- The FOSSHAP, Inc. continues to await confirmation that Gary Goeschel has completed the grant application, that First Selectman Mark Nickerson has signed it, and that Gary has and submitted to the grantor.

**Thomas Lee House:**

- Rod reported that the house and grounds incurred some storm damage and they have spend the last month cleaning that up.
- The scavenger hunt is being well received and there has been one raffle winner to date. Due to COVID-19, there will be no Nehantic Indian reunion at the house this year.

The next regular meeting will be held on October 6, at the Brookside Farm Barn. Meeting will begin at 6:00 PM rather than 7:00PM.

Motion to adjourn at 7:50 by Burt, second by Barb. Carried unanimous.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
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