

**EAST LYME HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
3 North Road, Niantic
January 7, 2020**

Members present: Barb Johnson Low, Mark Christensen, Steve Marks-Hamilton, Dan Cunningham, Rob McCauley. Dick Waterman and Benn Bullock. Mr. Waterman was seated.

Meeting opened at 7:00 PM

FILED

Pledge of Allegiance

Jan 5 2021 AT 11:10 AM/PM

PUBLIC DELEGATIONS: None

Karen Mulholland
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

AGENDA ADDITIONS: None.

MINUTES: November minutes approved. Motion by Mark, second by Rob, unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Signage for Historic Houses / Property / Landmarks:** John Wilson, owner of Signcraft Signs, presented mock-ups of "circa signs" as designed by Burt and Steve for consideration. Discussion ensued regarding shape, size, font, mounting holes and background. Rob moved to approve an oval sign with the font as presented by mock-up #4 on the handout sheet. Mark seconded. Approved, unanimous.

Addition discussion ensued regarding "circa sign" price and creating a vehicle for the historic properties commission to receive funds. Currently there is no vehicle. In the absence of a vehicle, John Wilson has agreed to donate \$25 per sign to the three historic properties by dividing the amount between the three. As this is cumbersome, Barb has offered to discuss creating another option with Anna Johnson and Mark Nickerson.

- **Demolition Delay Ordinance Process Update:** Barb has phoned and emailed Bill Mulholland and Carmen Ames on several occasions to establish the historic properties commission email address and we await its creation.
- **Historic Properties Documentation Project Update:** Barb has asked for \$2000.00 for documentation of houses built between 1888 and 1920 in the proposed 2020 budget.

POCD: Barb passed out copies of the commissions recommendations plus the questionnaire that the POCD committee would like us to complete. She asked that each commissioner write their recommendations so that she can collate them for presentation to the committee next week.

NEW BUSINESS: Mark announced that the Preservation Pot Luck Dinner will take place at the Niantic Community Church on Friday, January 17th at 7PM. Barb will work with John Wilson to generate one finished "circa sign" for presentation to the group.

REPORTS:

Brookside Farm: No report.

Thomas Lee House / Historic Society: The first lecture of the society's winter series will take place at the Niantic Community Church on February 2 at 2PM.

The Samuel Smith Farmstead: The Friends of Samuel Smith Farmstead have paid to have four diseased ash trees removed from the property.

Mark renewed discussion of interviewing local citizens to develop oral histories of the town. Barb added that this would be a great collaborative project with the high school video program.

Meeting Adjourned at 8.35. PM Motion by Mark second by Benn. 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.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Johnson Low bjl