

EAST LYME HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
ZOOM Meeting from 3 North Road, Niantic
July 7, 2020

Members present: Barb Johnson Low, Burt Hobby, Steve Marks-Hamilton, Maggi Prokop, Benn Bullock. Dan Cunningham, Mark Christensen.

Meeting opened at 7:03 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC DELEGATIONS: None

AGENDA ADDITIONS: None.

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

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- Earlier this year, Dick Waterman proposed that the town make appropriate repairs to and then repurpose the original 1923 Niantic Fire House building as a town historical museum or arts center. Barb Low consulted with NFD John Dwire regarding this idea. Mr. Dwire reported that the NFD currently makes use of the entire first floor for rescue equipment storage, and has recently expanded its use of the second floor storage of personal protective equipment due to COVID-19. As to the building's current condition, it has a new roof, doors, access ramp and signage. Based on this information, Mr. Waterman has withdrawn his proposal for the time being.

NEW BUSINESS: Mark Christensen reported that the Tomasczyk property on Grassy Hill Road has been sold. People are tearing down the boundary stone walls. The outer part of the walls belong to the town of East Lyme and the inner part of the walls belong to the landowners.

REPORTS:

Brookside Farm: Will be open for tours on Sundays from 1PM-3PM. The Barn is available for parties and meetings of fewer than 50 people.

Cemetery Association: No report

Destination Brochure: No Report

Samuel Smith Farmstead: Town Planner Gary Goeschel has promised the draft for the grant to replace the house roof by the end of July. Getting bids to side west side of the house. Currently working on siding the front of the house. Will host annual Open

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Farm Day on Sunday, July 19 from 10AM-3PM. Will include Butch Foster's band and many live farm animals. House and Barn will be closed to visitors.

Thomas Lee House / Historic Society: Mark Kramm has produced virtual tours of the house available to viewers online. Lois Hobby, Liz Kuchta and Dawn Shea have created a COVID-19 friendly Lee House History Scavenger Hunt for families to complete together without entering the buildings. The hunt, geared toward middle school students, will be offered for the next seven weeks. The Scavenger Hunt document can be found on the Historical Society website or by linking to it through the Library's website. Each week, the name of one Scavenger Hunt winner will be drawn. To receive a \$5.00 gift certificate and a History of East Lyme Hornbook.

The next regular meeting will be held on August 4, at the Brookside Farm Barn at 7PM.

Motion to adjourn by Barb Low, second by Benn Bullock. 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