

EAST LYME HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION

Brookside Farm Barn, Niantic

October 6, 2020

Members present: Barb Johnson Low, Steve Marks-Hamilton, Dick Waterman, Mark Christensen, Maggi Prokop, Dan Cunningham.

Meeting opened at 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC DELEGATIONS: Gary Goeschel, Town Planner

AGENDA ADDITIONS: None.

MINUTES: September minutes approved. Motion by Mark, second by Steve, unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

FILED
Jan 4 20 21 AT 1:20 AM/PM
Karen Melton
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

OLD BUSINESS:

Connecticut Historic Restoration Fund Grant Proposal: Town Planner Gary Goeschel said that he is working on the \$10,000 grant proposal for fixing the Samuel Smith Farmstead roof. The HPC and FOSSFAP have provided all necessary information to him. He plans to complete the proposal and bring it to the October 21, 2020 Board of Selectmen Meeting to gain approval for First Selectman Mark Nickerson to sign it.

Circa Signs: Postponed until November. Hope to sell them during holidays.

Museum Collections and Resource Management:

- Barb continues to work with EL Library staff to research and develop a Local History presence through the East Lyme Public Library Website.
- In an effort to track down the digital copy of the original Historic House Inventory that included photos and a spreadsheet, etc., Barb met with Barbara McGrath, the person who was contracted to do this research. Ms. McGrath graciously provided the HPC with a copy of the report she had originally submitted to the Town. Barb has now both posted the report on the HPC page of the town website and shared it with the library so that they can integrate it into the Still Standing in East Lyme web project.
- Library staff member Kaitlin DeNovelis is taking a course in GIS management to facilitate the development of our Still Standing in East Lyme project and the mobile APP we decide to use.

- Barb and library staff have been coaching four ELHS seniors in the development of their own history blog or website.

POCD: Public Hearing on November 10, 2020.

NEW BUSINESS: None

REPORTS:

Brookside Farm: Maggi reported that the town has knocked down trees alongside of the house and cleared the trees damaged in the recent storm. This wood now needs to be cut and stacked.

Cemetery Association: No report

Destination Brochure: No report.

Flow Chart: No report.

Museum Collections & Management: Please see Old Business above

Samuel Smith Farmstead: Benn submitted his report by text.

- The work on the west side of the house is finished.
- The Revolutionary War Day on September 12 generated 233 visitors.
- Meet the Authors Day generated 22 visitors.
- End of Harvest Day will be October 17. This year 100% of the garden plots were rented.
- 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: Steve reported that the house and grounds are now closed for the winter but on October 12, in recognition of Indigenous People's Day, Michelle Thaitland and Elsbeth Down will host an event in Recognition of the Nehantic People. This event is sponsored by the EL Historical Society and the EL Democratic Party.

The next regular meeting will be held on November 3 on Zoom. Meeting will begin at 6:00 PM rather than 7:00PM. Motion to adjourn at 7:50 by Steve, second by Mark. Carried, unanimous.

REGULAR MEMBERS: Barb Johnson Low, Chair, Maggi Prokop, Clerk, Mark Christensen, Steve Marks-Hamilton, Rob. McCauley. Alternates: Burt Hobby, R. Waterman, Benn Bullock, and Dan Cunningham, selectman representative.

Respectfully submitted,

Maggi Prokop bjl