

East Lyme Historic Properties Commission Minutes

East Lyme Town Hall Conference Room #1

August 3, 2021 Meetings

Members Present: Benn Bullock, Steve Marks-Hamilton, Mark Christensen, Rod McCauley, Dan Cunningham (ex-officio)

Members Absent: Maggie Prokop, Burt Hobby, Dick Waterman

Open Meeting: Benn Bullock called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Delegations: None

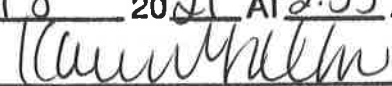
Approval of July 6th Minutes: Mark Christensen made motion to accept the minutes, Rod McCauley 2nd the motion. July Minutes accepted unanimously.

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

- 1) Samuel Smith Farmstead SHPO \$10,000 grant was approved by the state. \$10,000 accrued in the town's Capital Improvement Fund to match the grant. Current estimate to replace the Samuel Smith House roof has increased by almost 200% since the grant was applied for bringing the replacement cost to +/- \$62,500.
 - a) The town will request from the state that the \$10,000 grant be reallocated for the replacement/repair of the East Gable Girth and Sill repair in the house. The cost of this work is +/- \$23,000. The additional \$3,000 cost will be covered by FY 21-22 budget funds for the Farmstead.

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- 2) ELHPC House Plaque Program was discussed and Steve Marks-Hamilton agreed to chair the project. Steve will recruit other people to work with him to roll out the program.
 - a) The plaque order form and procedure were discussed and will be updated / reworded which Steve will work on and bring back to the next meeting.
 - b) How to advertise / market the plaques was also discussed and the suggestions made so far were at the "3 Houses", Post Road Review, Lyme Times, at Discover East Lyme Day, the Electronic Sign at the Town Hall & the library. Steve and his committee will work on how to "spread the word".
- 3) Benn Bullock will get in touch with Barb Johnson-Low to clarify how she had planned to use the FY 21-22 HPC budget funds of \$2,168 for Service Contracts and Dues in Professional Organizations.

New Business:

- 1) Asked by First Selectman for a current cost of all the needed repairs / restoration that was required on the Samuel Smith House, not to include the Barn for possibly being funded by the American Rescue Fund. The total of estimates as of the end of June 2021 is \$123,000 and was delivered to the First Selectman.
- 2) Alternate position on the commission exists and how to fill the slot was discussed. It was suggested that we should have a representative from Brookside Farm Museum for representation on the committee. Benn agreed to contact their Friends Group. The HPC members were also asked to pass the word to possibly find an interested person to fill the position.
- 3) Steve Marks-Hamilton wanted to let the commission members know that the "Historic c1750" house located on Riverview Road was for sale by the owner.
- 4) The Historic House c1750 located on Boston Post Road across from Scott's Market is up for sale.

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Reports:

Brookside Farm Museum: No Report

East Lyme Cemetery Assoc.: Head of River Cemetery still is in legal dispute about the property lines. Town attorney is involved in the dispute with the property owner of the old "Pancake House property.

Library/Museum Management: No Report ,

Samuel Smith Farmstead: SHPO grant for \$10,000 approved on July 7th. Open Farm Day was a great success with over 125 visitors. EL Ag Group and Pollinator Pathway people participated with events for the children. September 11th is the annual Revolutionary War Day which last year drew over 250 visitors.

Lee House: Archeological dig scheduled for August 21st from 9 AM – 1 PM rain or shine. ELHS Flea Market will be only one day, Labor Day weekend, Saturday September 4th.

Adjourn:

Rod McCauley made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Mark Christensen, motion passed unanimously. Meeting closed at 7:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Marks-Hamilton (bb)

ELHPC Secretary

Regular Members: Benn Bullock, Chair; Steve Marks Hamilton, Clerk; Mark Christensen; Rod McCauley; Maggie Prokop; Dan Cunningham, (ex-officio)

Alternate Members: Burt Hobby; Dick Waterman

