

## East Lyme Historic Properties Commission Minutes

### East Lyme Town Hall Conference Room #1

### September 7, 2021 Meetings

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

**Members Absent:** Burt Hobby, Dick Waterman

**Prospective Alternate Member:** Donna Massung

Open Meeting: Benn Bullock called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Delegations: None

Approval of August 3rd Minutes: Mark Christensen made motion to accept the minutes, Rod McCauley 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. August Minutes accepted unanimously.

Correspondence: Assessor letter and form for renewal of the East Lyme Tax Exempt status of the East Lyme Cemetery Association was given to Rod McCauley.

#### Old Business:

- 1) The town has requested from the SHPO that the \$10K Historic Restoration Fund Grant for the Samuel Smith House be reappropriated from the roof replacement to the East Gable Girt and Sill replacement. Waiting a determination and or other discussions.
- 2) Vacant Alternate seat on the Commission. Welcomed Donna Massung the President of the Friends of the Brookside Farm Museum to fill the alternate position and representing Brookside Farm Museum on the commission. Donna will submit her BIO which will be distributed to the BOS, put on the agenda and discussed at a BOS meeting. Once that phase is completed the BOS will vote on a motion to seat Donna on the commission.

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- 3) ELHPC House Plaque Program (Circa Signs) was discussed and a update given by Steve Marks-Hamilton. He will report back at the October meeting and hopes to have the order form and advertising information ready for the Thanksgiving / Christmas season. Steve will continue to recruit other people to work with him to roll out the program.
- 4) Benn Bullock still working to 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. We need clarification on her objective of the continuation of the "House Inventory".

#### **New Business:**

- 1) Mark Christensen talked about 2 houses that were demolished that were not on the present "House Inventory" so we would not have been notified prior to demolition.
- 2) Discussed the Demolition Delay Ordinance, to refresh the members in our involvement of the process.
- 3) There are two old/historic houses for sale in town that we are aware of. One on Fairhaven Road, Circa 1750 and one on Boston Post Road, Circa 1750 across from Scott's farm market. – For Information Only – No Action Required -

#### **Reports:**

**Brookside Farm Museum:** New exhibit in November "Music of the Ages", collection of music and songs from different years each week. Open Sundays 1-3 or by appointment.

**East Lyme Cemetery Assoc.:** Head of River Cemetery still is in legal dispute about the property lines. "Possible" grave robbery, i.e., possible an animal digging Rod reported. Jim Littlefield and Rod refinished another headstone restoration.

**Library/Museum Management:** No Report

**Samuel Smith Farmstead:** Revolutionary War Day September 11<sup>th</sup>, 10 – 3 with the 5<sup>th</sup> CT Regiment, their Artillery Unit and the British 54<sup>th</sup> Regiment afoot. There will be a 911 20<sup>th</sup> Memorial Ceremony at 10AM to start the event. Closed Sunday' until Memorial Day but open for House and Barn tours by appointment.

**Lee House:** Archeological dig had 15 participants on August 21<sup>st</sup>. There was good weather for the ELHS Flea Market on Labor Day weekend, September 4<sup>th</sup>. "All Happy"

**Adjourn:**

Mark Christensen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Rod McCauley, motion passed unanimously. Meeting closed at 7:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Marks-Hamilton (bb)

ELHPC Secretary

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

**Alternate Members:** Burt Hobby; Dick Waterman; one vacancy