East Lyme Historic Properties Commission Minutes

East Lyme Town Hall Conference Room #1

October 5, 2021 Meetings

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

Members Absent: Rod McCauley, Burt Hobby, Maggie Prokop

Prospective Alternate Member: Donna Massung

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

the Pledge of Allegiance. Dick Waterman was seated as a voting member.

Public Delegations: None

Approval of September 7th Minutes: Mark Christensen made motion to accept the minutes, Steve Marks-Hamilton 2nd the motion. September 7th Minutes were accepted unanimously.

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

- 1) Grant for the Samuel Smith House to be reappropriated from the roof replacement to the East Gable Girt and Sill replacement is still waiting a determination by the SHPO.
- 2) The approval of Donna Massung for the Vacant Alternate seat on the Commission is waiting action by the BOS. All the required documentation has been forwarded for their review and action. Dan Cunningham will check on the progress and report back to the commission.
- 3) HPC "House Plaque Program" is moving forward. Steve and Benn will meet on October 7th to finalize the draft of the "House Plaque Order Form". It will then be sent out to all commission members for review and comment before being finalized.

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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".

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New Business:

- 1) Dick Waterman ask if he was going to continue to be a member of the HPC since his appointment was close to being up. He would like to remain a member of the commission. It was also brought up about the reappointment of Bert Hobby since his appointment was also close to being up. Benn said that he would check on the appointment date and when they expire for each member on the commission and what the options are which will be discussed at the November meeting.
- 2) Mark Christensen reported that the EL Agri Business group is planning on establishing an apple / pear orchard at the Samuel Smith Farmstead. It is within the scope of the vision for the Farmstead and has been accepted by them. Once the trees produce fruit it will be donated to EL Giving Garden.

Reports:

Brookside Farm Museum: New exhibit in November, recorded music i.e., "Music of the Ages", collection of music and songs from different years each week during the month. Open Sundays 1-3 or by appointment. (860) 867-6004

Historic East Lyme Cemetery Assoc.: No Report

Library/Museum Management: No Report

Samuel Smith Farmstead: Revolutionary War Day Event on September 11th was a great success with 165 visitors attending. The last event of the year "End of Harvest" is on October 16th from 10am – 3pm. The local band 5 Bean Row will provide live music during the day.

Lee House (East Lyme Historical Society): Annual "Pot Luck Dinner" cancelled due to covid restrictions.

Adjourn:

Mark Christensen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Steve Marks-Hamilton, motion passed unanimously. Benn Bullock closed the meeting at 7:44 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