

**TOWN OF EAST LYME  
BROOKSIDE FARM MUSEUM  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, FEBRUARY 23rd, 2022**

**Present:** Gary Lakowsky, Chairman, Maggi Prokop, Richard MacDonald, Robert Seifel,  
Cheri Meier

**Also Present:** Donna Massung, President of Friends

**Absent:** Dan Cunningham, Ex-Officio

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Lakowsky called the February 23, 2022 meeting of the Brookside Farm Museum to order at 7:02 PM.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Lakowsky called for any additions, deletions or corrections to the January 26, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes.

**\*\*MOTION (1)**

**Ms. Meier moved to approve the January 26, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Brookside Farm Museum as presented.**

**Mr. MacDonald seconded the motion.**

**Vote: 5 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.**

FILED

March 1, 2022 AT 10:09 AM PM

Brandy Stevens ATC  
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

**3. Reports**

**+ Agenda Additions**

**\*\*MOTION (2)**

**Ms. Meier moved to add under G. Collections - Item 2. Print Framing**

**Mr. MacDonald seconded the motion.**

**Vote: 5 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.**

**+ Public Delegations**

Ms. Massung, Friends President said that she did not have anything to report.

**+ Ex-Officio**

There was no report.

**+ Curator / Advertising**

Mr. Lakowsky reported that he thought that they had a good candidate for a curator but it turned out that the person cannot do it at this time. He said that he would like to find a docent or two for the weekends – possibly advertise through NEMA.

Ms. Meier said that she would send it to NEMA if Mr. Lakowsky would send her the information.

Mr. Lakowsky also suggested that perhaps an archaeology student might be interested. He noted the hours needed were from June to August – weekends only 1 PM to 3 PM.

It was also suggested to advertise on the Town website.

#### + **Chairman**

Mr. Lakowsky reported that he had come and cut up some of the trees that were destroyed in the storm and blocking the driveway. He also worked in the back area and said that the posts would be put back in when the ground thaws.

#### + **Financial Report**

##### ▪ **Status Update**

Mr. Lakowsky said that the balance in the budget was \$12,820 with the utilities being the latest expenditures.

##### ▪ **Presentation of Bills**

There were none.

##### ▪ **2022 – 2023 Budget**

Mr. Lakowsky said that he has not been called yet to present the budget. He will let then know when he finds out.

##### ▪ **Barn Rental Fees**

Mr. Lakowsky said that he thinks that the rental fees are much too low at \$200. He said that he will check with the VFW, American Legion and the Church and see what they charge.

Ms. Meier said that they would be booking an Art show in May.

#### + **Collections**

##### ▪ **Radio/Record Players**

Mr. Lakowsky said that they still have the two (2) record players in the dining room – he asked them if they want to put then into collections or just store them for now. One has a custom made cabinet and was a part of a Music through the Ages Event that they had held at the House.

It was decided that as they are of the same period as the House that they would keep them and store them for now.

##### ▪ **Print Framing**

Ms. Meier said that she had gone to Michaels and looked into frames with gray matting and that they were quite attractive but also pricey as they would have to be a custom size due to the size of the prints.

Mr. Lakowsky said that he would check out the framing shop right around the corner from him in downtown Niantic and also research this a bit more.

#### + **Correspondence**

Mr. Lakowsky reported that they had received information from Dominion on escape routes. He said that he would put this information in the House.

He also noted that they had received a letter from NEMA thanking them for continuing with them.

## **4. OLD Business**

#### + **Property Maintenance**

- **General Maintenance Report** – Mr. Lakowsky reported that the front columns need to be replaced on the House as they are rotting out.
- **Split Rail Fence** – Mr. Lakowsky said that this has to be put back up.
- **Painting** – Still needs to be done
- **Cellar Doorway** – Mr. Lakowsky said that this needs to be replaced.

+ **Museum Development**

Nothing to report.

+ **Events:**

- **Open House** – June 11, 2022 – It was suggested that they plan on doing something special that day – perhaps putting out some items from the ‘dig’ – buttons, shards of glass, etc – all in cases.

**5. NEW Business**

+ **Property Maintenance**

- **Clean Up Day April 30, 2022 – 9 – 12 noon – (Rain Date May 7, 2022)**

Mr. Lakowsky suggested the April 30, 2022 date and said that the Leos want to come. He asked that they make a motion on the date.

**\*\*MOTION (3)**

**Ms. Prokop moved to set April 30, 2022 as the Clean-Up Day at the House with a rain date of May 7, 2022.**

**Mr. MacDonald seconded the motion.**

**Vote: 5 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.**

+ **Museum Development**

- **NEMA & CHLO** – No discussion.
- **Web page, Facebook, etc** – No Discussion
- **Historical Properties Commission** – Mr. Lakowsky said that there is a House Plaque Program and that they would like to use the Museum Open House Day for the kick-off of this program. The plaque is \$100 plus tax and has the screws and holes already pre-drilled.

Ms. Massung said that the Friends would like to purchase one and give it to the House.

Mr. Lakowsky said that they would like to have it and thanked her.

Mr. MacDonald noted that he had received a phone call from Ms. Purvis indicating that she had photos that she would like to give to him for the House. He said that he has to get in touch with her to arrange this.

**6. Adjournment**

Mr. Lakowsky called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**\*\*MOTION (4)**

**Ms. Prokop moved to adjourn this Brookside Farm Museum Regular Meeting at 7:45 PM.**

**Mr. MacDonald seconded the motion.**

**Vote: 5 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Zmitruk,  
Recording Secretary, Pro-Tem