

**BROOKSIDE FARM MUSEUM
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 25, 2022**

FILED

Present: Robert Seifel, Chairman
Richard MacDonald
Cheri Meier

June 1, 2022 AT 11:16 AM/PM
Brooke Storm ATC
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Absent: Maggi Prokop

Also Present: Donna Massung, President of the Friends
Dan Cunningham, Board of Selectmen Ex officio

I. CALL TO ORDER. Chairman Seifel called the May 25, 2022 Brookside Farm Museum Meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Mr. Seifel asked for additions, deletions or corrections to the Brookside Farm Museum Minutes of April 27, 2022.

MOTION (1): Ms. Meier moved to approve the April 27, 2022 Brookside Farm Museum Minutes, as presented. Seconded by Mr. MacDonald. (3-0) Unanimous.

III. REPORTS

a. Agenda Additions.

MOTION (2): Mr. Seifel moved to add Chairmanship to this evening's Agenda, under New Business, item f. Seconded by Ms. Meier. (3-0) Unanimous.

b. Public Delegations. Ms. Massung reported the Friends have paid to have the house cleaned

c. Ex-Officio. Mr. Cunningham reported the Selectmen had a presentation on composting toilets to be used at Hole-in-the-Wall. They do not use water and can be used year-round. Each toilet will cost \$75,000.

Dominion has agreed to allow the old Police Station restrooms to be available on Main Street.

The Selectmen approved and received a new tent for McCook's Park and it was destroyed by strong winds. It appears the three rings could not take the pressure from the wind.

A study will be done on uses for the Darrow Pond area. The study will cost \$25,000 for a Master Plan.

The Selectmen have been working on end of the year transfers.

Mr. Cunningham agreed to ask a group of jazz musicians if they are willing to perform at the house.

d. Curator

1. Advertising. Ms. Meier and Ms. Massung will work together on advertising for a Curator.

e. Chairman. Mr. Seifel had nothing new to report.

f. Financial

1. Status Update. There was no status update.
2. Presentation of Bills. No bills were presented.
3. 2022/2023 Budget. The Commission expressed disappointment that the Board of Finance reduced the Brookside Farm Museum budget by \$2,000.

g. Collections. Ms. Massung reported the framed prints will be hung in the dining room.

h. Correspondence. No new correspondence was received.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

a. Property Maintenance

1. General Maintenance Report. Limbs from a large tree have fallen down.
2. Split Rail Fence. Two sets of railings are needed for the split rail fence.
3. Painting. Public Works has funds for painting the house.
4. Cellar Doorway. Ms. Massung reported the Friends will pay for a new cellar door and front pillars. She will obtain three estimates.

b. Museum Development. There was nothing new on museum development.

c. Events. June 11 is Small Museum House Day. The artifacts from the Archeology Class will be displayed on June 11. Ms. Meier agreed to be at the house from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. during Small Museum House Day.

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. Property Maintenance. There was no discussion on property maintenance.

b. Museum Development. There was no discussion on museum development.

- c. NEMA and CHLO
 - 1. Web page, Facebook and Administrator. There was no new discussion on the web page, Facebook and Administrator.
- d. Historical Properties Commission. Ms. Massung reported they will begin a campaign for selling clam shells with the date of individuals' homes at a cost of \$100. Literature will be available on June 11.
- e. June 11 Small Museum Day. There was no further discussion on Small Museum Day.
- f. Chairmanship. Mr. Seifel will continue as Chairman but did not feel he can take care of all the items on the list Mr. Lakowsky gave him.

Ms. Massung reported the water is on in the house. The window screens need to be down. The screen door needs to be put in. Messrs. Massung and Seifel agreed to take care of these items on June 11.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION (3): Mr. MacDonald moved to adjourn the April 27, 2022 Brookside Farm Museum May 25, 2022 Regular Meeting at 7:50p.m. Seconded by Ms. Meier (3-0) Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Gheri, Recording Secretary