

**BROOKSIDE FARM MUSEUM
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 24, 2022**

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

Also Present: Donna and Chuck Massung
Dan Cunningham, Ex Officio
Carol Marelli
Georgia Lee Littlefield

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I. CALL TO ORDER Chairman Seifel called the August 24, 2022 Brookside Farm Museum Meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

MOTION (1): Ms. Meier moved to approve the July 27, 2022 Brookside Farm Museum Minutes, as presented. Seconded by Ms. Prokop. (4-0) Unanimous

III. REPORTS

- a. Agenda Additions. There were no additions to the agenda.
- b. Public Delegations. Ms. Littlefield reported both she and Ms. Marelli have had a combination of fifty years of experience in the Brookside Farm Museum. She felt there seems to be a lack of interest and attendance in the house. She added she and Ms. Marelli could help to bring activity and visitors to the house as interim curators. Ms. Meier suggested that they offer suggestions as Friends of the house rather than as curators.
- c. Ex-Officio. Mr. Cunningham reported a street sidewalk improvement study is being prepared for East Pattagansett Road.

Grants are available for charging stations. There are two different types of charging stations. One is three-phase power and takes 45 minutes. The other is two phase power and takes several hours.

The Board of Selectmen will use nip bottle credit from the state towards composting trash containers. The last check received for this was \$12,000 and the next check will be \$16,000. They are solar powered. This will reduce manpower to pick up trash less often and keeping the town cleaner.

The town has a solid waste ordinance on future development on picking up trash. The trucks need 25' wide roads to be able to maneuver.

d. Curator

1. Advertising. Ms. Massung informed the Commission she saw an email from CHLO which stated we can put an ad for a Curator on CHLO's website.

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

f. Financial

1. Status Update. Mr. Seifel reported there is approximately \$9,000 in the Brookside Farm Museum budget.
2. Presentation of Bills. No bills were presented.
3. 2022/2023 Budget. There was no discussion on the upcoming budget.

g. Collections There were no new collections.

h. Correspondence. No new correspondence was received.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

a. Property Maintenance

1. General Maintenance Report. Ms. Massung reported the front porch will be taken care of by the Friends.
2. Split Rail Fence. Two sets of railings need to be installed and fastened. Mr. Massung suggested working on this after Heidi Trees leave. Mr. Cunningham suggested putting the sleeves in the ground so they can easily be retrieved. Mr. Massung agreed to discuss this option with Mr. Bragaw.
3. Painting. Mr. Seifel spoke to Mr. Bragaw about painting the house. A painter found lead paint and it will now cost \$100,000. Ms. Marelli suggested considering only painting the front of the house and putting siding on the sides and back of the house.
4. Cellar Doorway. Ms. Massung reported the cellar doorway and pillars are being worked on. The fans for the barn have come in. She is waiting for an electrician to install them.

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

c. Events. Ms. Massung suggested that the Memorial for Fred and Barbara Odgers be held in the barn on October 8 at 1 p.m. Commission members agreed to that date and time.

On October 23 from 4-6 p.m. Mr. Lakowsky will tell stories. Mr. Cunningham agreed to ask his group to provide music. He suggested fire pits and serving S'mores. Flyers will be distributed. Advertisements can be made through the town's electronic sign. Ms. Massung

will find out the deadline for the Parks and Recreation brochure, the Lyme Times, the Post Road Review and the Day newspaper.

Mr. Cunningham was asked if his musical group will perform in the barn on a Saturday evening from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Mr. Cunningham agreed to check with his group on a date.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Barn Rentals. Ms. Meier reported she has a barn rental on September 18, 2022 for Linda Brouard, the widow of the architect that drew up plans for the barn. She also has a rental on June 24, 2023 from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. for a wedding.
- b. NEMA and CHLO. There was no further discussion on NEMA and CHLO.
 1. Web page, Facebook and Administrator. Ms. Meier will visit Carmen Ames regarding updating information for the Brookside Farm Museum.
- c. Historical Properties Commission. Ms. Prokop reported the Samuel Smith Farmstead now has a new roof.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION (2): Ms. Prokop moved to adjourn the August 24, 2022 Brookside Farm Museum Regular Meeting at 7:50 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Meier. (4-0) Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Gheri, Recording Secretary