

East Lyme Historic Properties Commission Minutes
East Lyme Town Hall Conference Room #1
September 6, 2022 Meetings Minutes

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OCT 11 2022 AT 9:05 AM/PM
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Members Present: Benn Bullock, Mark Christensen, Steve Marks Hamilton, Maggi Prokop, Carol Gordon, Donna Massung, Rod McCauley

Members Absent: Ann Cicchiello (ex-officio)

Guest: None

Open Meeting: Benn Bullock called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions to Agenda: How to obtain applications from prospective volunteers for the three (3) Historic Properties (houses) & related commissions & "Friends Group" in East Lyme.

Public Delegations: None

Approval of August 2nd Meeting Minutes: Mark Christensen made motion to accept the minutes, Rod McCauley 2nd the motion. The August 2nd meeting minutes were accepted unanimously.

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

- 1) Benn reported that the grant application for the structural survey of the Samuel Smith House requested by the SHPO has been approved with a 20K cap. The SHPO will identify engineering firms they recommend to accomplish the survey.
- 2) Vacant position on the Commission for one additional Alternate member was discussed. There is no one at present that has shown interest in serving on the Commission.

New Business: Historic properties and commissions are not being advertised to increase public involvement and volunteering. Discussion of making presentations at the Senior Center. Mark's annual pot luck / presentations by different volunteer groups. Advertise on Town Website, posters, displays, etc. Discussion to be continued at the October Commission meeting.

Rod McCauley brought that all of the volunteer organizations are looking for the same thing, volunteers so we would be competing with all the groups.

Reports:

Brookside Farm Museum: House needs lead removal prior to being painted. The lead removal has a cost of +/- \$100,000 and then the painting at a cost to be determined. Event on October 8th, the dedication of the kitchen to Barbara and Fred Olgers. Event on October 23rd "Stories & Smores. New fans installed in the Barn. Event December 11th, Open House 1 PM – 3 PM & Wassel Party 5 PM – 7 PM.

Historic East Lyme Cemetery Assoc.: Head of the river boundary being clarified by the Town.

Library/Museum Management: Benn reported there has not been a current meeting. – No Report – House and Historic Property base has not progressed.

Samuel Smith Farmstead: The August 20th event, Revolutionary Area Encampment had an attendance of over 79 visitors. The event featured the Olde Lebanon Towne Militia and the CT Line. The Barn is closed due to renovations until they are completed. The approved ARP Funds received for the House Roof, Chimney and 5 Fireplaces as well as the Chimney has been completed. On the Chimney, 5 Fireplaces and Beehive oven the restoration is complete. New website has been funded and will be under construction in October. Pollinator Pathways are going to install a smaller garden East of and behind the Outhouse.

Lee House (East Lyme Historical Society): Archelogy dig on August 13th was successful. Flee Market went well, it was returned to a 2-day event. House open by requested appointment. The new East Lyme History Center is ongoing. 274 entries listed for entry to the house for the year to date. Looking for volunteers for the new East Lyme History Center.

Adjourn:

Mark Christensen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Ron McCauley, motion passed unanimously. Benn Bullock closed the meeting at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Marks Hamilton (bb)

For ELHPC Secretary/Clerk

Regular Members: Benn Bullock, Chair; Steve Marks Hamilton, Secretary/Clerk; Mark Christensen; Rod McCauley; Maggi Prokop; Ann Cicchiello; (ex-officio)

Alternate Members: Donna Massung, Carol Gordon; one open alternate position