

East Lyme Historic Properties Commission Minutes

East Lyme Town Hall Conference Room #1

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October 4, 2022 Meetings Minutes 2022 DEC -7 P 2:41

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Members Present: Benn Bullock, Mark Christensen, Maggi Prokop, Carol Gordon, Donna Massung, Ann Cicchiello (ex-Officio)

Members Absent: Steve Marks-Hamilton, Rod McCauley

Guest: None

Open Meeting: Benn Bullock called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Benn seated alternate members Donna Massung and Carol Gordon.

Additions to Agenda: None

Public Delegations: None

Approval of September 6th Meeting Minutes: Mark Christensen made motion to accept the minutes, Maggi Prokop 2nd the motion. The September 6th 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. Ann Cicchiello sent the name of a prospective alternate commission member Gary Pivo to Benn. Benn sent an email to him and as of today has not received a response.
- 3) Historic properties and commissions are not being advertised to increase public involvement and volunteering. Discussion of making presentations at the Senior Center. Mark to talk with Kathy Wilson pertaining to ideas for visibility. Advertise on Town Website, posters, displays, etc. Discussion to be continued at the November Commission meeting. Also discussed was that all of the volunteer organizations are looking for the same thing, volunteers so we would be competing with all the groups.

New Business:

1. Ann Cicchiello reported that the East Lyme Charter Committee meets 3 times a month.
2. Mark Christensen reported that the “yellow house”

Reports:

Brookside Farm Museum: Event on October 8th, the dedication of the kitchen to Barbara and Fred Olgers. Event on October 23rd “Stories & Smores. Event December 11th, Open House families 1 PM – 3 PM & Wassel Party adults 5 PM – 7 PM.

Historic East Lyme Cemetery Assoc.: No report

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 September 10th event, Revolutionary War Day had a very low attendance of only 18 visitors due to numerous conflicting events in town and soccer tournaments. The event featured Brown’s Company of Artillery and the Connecticut Line. The Barn is closed due to renovations until they are completed. New website has been funded and will be under construction in November. End of Harvest event will be held on October 15th with house tours, apple cider pressing and donuts along with farm animals. DIY Holiday photos on November 26th & 27th and on December 3rd & 4th from 12PM – 3PM.

Lee House (East Lyme Historical Society): EL Historical Society will host Indigenous People Day on October 9th from 12PM – 4PM at McCook Park. EL Historical Society will hold their annual meeting and pot luck dinner on October 21st at 6PM at the Niantic Bay Yacht Club.

Adjourn:

Benn Bullock made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Marc Christensen, motion passed unanimously. Benn Bullock closed the meeting at 7:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Gordon for Steve Marks Hamilton (bb)

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