

East Lyme Historic Properties Commission Minutes

East Lyme Town Hall – Kitchen Room Downstairs

April 4, 2023 Meetings Minutes

Members Present: Steve Marks-Hamilton, Mark Christensen, Maggi Prokop, Rod McCauley, Carol Gordon, Donna Massung, Nick Menapace, Ann Cicchiello (ex-officio)

Members Absent: Benn Bullock

Guest: None

Open Meeting: Rod McCauley called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rod agreed to chair the meeting in the absence of Benn Bullock.

Additions to Agenda: None

Public Delegations: None

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

March 7, 2023 Meeting Minutes: Maggi Prokop made motion to accept the March 7th minutes, Nick Menapace 2nd' the motion. The March 7th meeting minutes were accepted unanimously.

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

- a) Grant for Samuel Smith House, structural engineer inspection still in the progress. Benn has been meeting with town staff and waiting a list from the SHPO of engineering firms acceptable to conduct the study for selection.
- b) Vacant Alternate Position – We welcome Nick Menapace to the commission as an alternate member. He has been sworn in by the Town Clerk as required.
- c) Per Mark Christensen Volunteer Recruitment for Commissions and Friends Groups - None
- d) Circ House Signs – Steve stated that the program is ongoing.

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New Business: None

Reports:

Brookside Farm Museum – Anna Perch hired as part time curator. April 22nd annual cleanup. Garden work ongoing. Open house June 10th, CT Historic House Day.

Historic East Lyme Cemetery Association – Many trees down at Marks Mill & Fox Farm.

Samuel Smith Farmstead – Open house June 10th for CT Historic House Day and the 2nd annual vintage tractor and truck show. Event flyer completed and posted thanks to Mark. Farmstead 2023 event flyer completed and posted. Farmstead website has been updated and has gone live. 36 raised bed plot community garden is being prepared for the 2023 rental season. Proper Period Attire will be worn at the Farmstead events as become available. Still waiting for engineering review of East structural beam.

Lee House (East Lyme Historical Society) – Lectures still ongoing. April 21st Spring pot luck at American Legion, York Street. August 12th archeological dig at the Lee House. Indigenous people and Nehantic gathering are 2 separate events.

Information from Board of Selectmen – Ann reported to pick up house plans before they are destroyed. Highway job is 4 ½ years, may have gravel surfaces in areas.

Adjourn:

Maggi Prokop made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Mark Christensen, motion passed unanimously. Rod McCauley closed the meeting at 7:25 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; Nick Menapace