

East Lyme Historic Properties Commission Minutes

East Lyme Town Hall – Kitchen Room Downstairs

May 2, 2023 Meetings Minutes

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

Members Absent: Mark Christensen, Rod McCauley, Donna Massung

Guest: None

Open Meeting: Rod McCauley called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Benn seated Carol Gordon and Nick Menapace as regular members for the meeting.

Additions to Agenda: 344 Main Street house demolition

Public Delegations: None

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

April 4, 2023 Meeting Minutes: Maggi Prokop made motion to accept the April 4th minutes, Carol Gordon 2nd' the motion. The April 4th meeting minutes were accepted unanimously.

Correspondence: Letter to the East Lyme Historical Society which was handed to Steve for delivery to the society.

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 – Filled
- c) Discussion of volunteer flyer. Nick suggested that the email addresses on the flyer be shortened / combined to make it more people friendly. Nick said he would be able to help with his suggestion.
- d) Circ House Signs – Steve stated that the program is ongoing.

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New Business: Demolition of 344 Main Street. Demolition delay was discussed at length. The town does not have an ordinance for this purpose. The demolition permits only referenced a CT state statute. Benn and Ann Cicchiello agreed to investigate and report back at the June meeting.

Reports:

Brookside Farm Museum – Open house June 10th, CT Historic House Day. Maggie reported that their clean up day went well. September 17th they will have trivia night.

Historic East Lyme Cemetery Association – Looking for ARF money for tree work at cemeteries.

Samuel Smith Farmstead – Open house June 10th for CT Historic House Day and the 2nd annual vintage tractor and truck show. Farmstead 2023 event flyer completed and posted. Farmstead website has been updated and has gone live. 36 raised bed plot community garden has been advertising for 2023 rentals. Still waiting for engineering review of East structural beam. Barn North side (road side) of the Barn has been sided and the complete foundation rebuilt with in-house labor. Siding of the remaining 3 sides of the barn should start in late May/June.

Lee House (East Lyme Historical Society) – Open house June 10th, CT Historic House Day. August 12th archeological dig at the Lee House. Planting bushes along the fence line.

Information from Board of Selectmen – Ann Cicchiello reported that the budget referendum is on May 18th from 8AM to 8PM. The old police station which is Dominion property is under discussion. Time changes for town hall is being considered to be Monday – Thursday 8AM to 5PM and Friday from 8AM to 12PM.

Adjourn:

Maggi Prokop made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Nick Menapace, motion passed unanimously. Benn Bullock closed the meeting at 8:45 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