

East Lyme Historic Properties Commission Minutes

East Lyme Town Hall – Conference Room #1

October 3, 2023 Meetings Minutes

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TOWN CLERK

Members Present: Benn Bullock, Steve Marks-Hamilton, Mark Christensen, Maggi Prokop, Nick Menapace, Donna Massung, Carol Gordon

Members Absent: Rod McCauley, Ann Cicchiello (ex-officio)

Guest: Len Salter

Open Meeting: Benn Bullock called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Benn seated Donna Massung and Carol Gordon as regular members for the meeting.

Additions to Agenda: Expiration of Commission Members Terms

Expiration on 01/08/2024 is Benn Bullock, Mark Christensen, Donna Massung & Nick Menapace. They all requested to be reappointed for another term. Ann Cicchiello will submit the request to the BOS as required.

Public Delegations: None

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

September 5th, 2023 Meeting Minutes: Carol Gordon made motion to accept the September 3rd minutes, Maggi Prokop 2nd' the motion. The September 5th meeting minutes were accepted unanimously.

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

- a) Grant for Samuel Smith House, architectural company structural inspection contract is with the has been selected. The town has the contract to be signed so the survey can start. Contacted Gary Goeschel, but no response on the progress.
- b) Discussion of volunteer flyer for Commissions and Friends Group is ongoing. There was feedback from the members that they had heard nothing or had been contacted.
- c) Demolition Permit Delay Ordinance: Benn meet with the Building Inspector and he was very receptive and receptive to adding the verbiage on the reverse of the permit relating to the town ordinance. He also agreed to "training" the administration staff on the addition and agreed to notify the Commission of not only Demolition Permit

Applications for houses on the Historic House Inventory which includes houses through 1800 but all permits so as not to miss one.

- d) Proceeds from the EL Historic House Plaque sales. Steve checked with John Wilson if he had distributed any checks to the Historic Houses and he replied that as of now he had not. Steve asks him how many plaques he had sold to date and he said he was not sure and would check with his daughter who maintains the records. Steve said he would get back John before our November meeting.

New Business: None

Reports:

Brookside Farm Museum –October 21st they are having a “Scarry Stories” from 1 to 3 PM. Great event for children.

Historic East Lyme Cemetery Association – No Report. There will be a program on EL Historic Cemeteries and a tour of the Old Stone Church Cemetery on October 28th from 10 to 11 AM.

Samuel Smith Farmstead – Revolutionary Area Encampment on September 30th was cancelled due to the weather. End of the Harvest event will be on October 14th with cider, donuts, farm animals, a “working horse”, 5 Bean Row local band and “historic tool demonstrations and participation. DIY Holiday Picture event the Saturday and possibly Sunday after Thanksgiving. There will be a restored Farm Sleigh to take pictures sitting on, rooms in the House that are decorated for the Holidays open also. Time of event TBD and will be publicized.

Lee House (East Lyme Historical Society) – Annual Pot Luck members meeting at the Niantic Yacht Club on October 20th at 6 PM. Their new Website is up and running.

Information from Board of Selectmen – No report.

Next Meeting: Meeting is on November 7th, @7PM in Conference Room #1 at the Town Hall.

Adjourn:

Maggi Prokop made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Mark Christensen. The motion passed unanimously. Benn Bullock closed the meeting at 7:58 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