

Historic Properties Commission Minutes, April 2, 2024 meeting

- Meeting opened at 7:04p.m. at Town Hall, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance (Mark Christensen, Acting Chair)
 - Members Present: Steve Marks-Hamilton; Mark Christensen (Acting Chairman); Carol Gordon; Nick Menapace; Donna Massung; Rod McCauley (7:06)
 - Members Absent: Tony Attanasio
 - Delegations: Betsey Goetsch; Bob Ramsay, Ann Chiccello
 - Alternate Donna Massung appointed as voting member
 - Additions to Agenda: Steve submitted former Chairwoman Luanne Lane's Binder on Historic Properties
 - Rod McCauley makes motion to accept March 2024 minutes, with spelling correction seconded by Donna Massung, accepted 5-0
 - Correspondence: State Auto Taxation regs from 1960 was submitted
 - Old Business: Friends of Samuel Smith House and Property-still no budget cut in original request, including roof repair on barn, from Finance Board. Also-Posters for "Volunteers Wanted" more needed to post around town as they are periodically removed.
- New Business: Steve has received payment from John Wilson at Sign Craft written to Historic Properties Comm. for \$825.00, which represents 33 Circa signs. (Needs to be written to the 3 old houses for 1/3 of the \$825.00 to each old house. Historic Properties cannot accept the check as written). Steve will address the issue with John Wilson at Sign Craft. Also: discussion of expanding the "Old House Survey to 1891-1910" and help from a grant-writer.
- Reports: Brookside Farm Museum-Apr 20, Clean-up day; May 4 Plant Sale; May 19 Spring Tea with presentation by Pollinator Pathways, cost is \$10.00.

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Samuel Smith Farmstead: Tractor show and Plein-air painting, June 8 (open Hose Day) . More events to follow thru summer and Fall as events are finalized.

E. Lyme Historical Society: April 7 lecture cancelled (weather), April 19th Pot Luck at VFW, 6pm, Dr. J. Pfeiffer will speak about Nehantic Indians. May 25 + 26, Spring flea market, June 8, Open House and Museum, Aug. 17 School house Painting and Archeological dig

E. Lyme Hist. Cemetery Assoc.: 9am April 5th hanging Memorial Flags, Archives room, E.L. Library

(Former)Ex-Officio: Ann Ciccello, trying to keep information flowing regarding Hist Properties

Chairman's Report: Acting Chairman Mark C reported that the new Senior housing development will retain the old Parsonage (c.1870) at 138 Boston Post Rd., as agreed through previous zoning approval. This shows how zoning can save worthy Historic Properties, even while development occurs

-Motion to Adjourn: at 8:43, by Rod McCauley, second Donna Massung, vote 5-0 to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Marks-Hamilton (MC)