

MINUTES: JAN. 20, 2015
EAST LYME HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION

Present: Chair, Luane Lange, Steve Marks-Hamilton, Mark Christensen. Alternate, Maggi Propos was seated. Visitors: Barbara Johnston; First Selectman, Mark Nickerson.

Steve Marks-Hamilton agreed to serve as Acting Secretary

Chairman asked to add three items to the Agenda: New Business: Historic Districts and Commission Secretary. Reports: Preservationists Pot Luck.

Minutes of November 17, 2014. Motion by M. Christensen to approve as presented, M. Prokop, seconded and passed.

Correspondence: CT Tourism meeting in Mystic on March 3, 2015
CT Office of Tourism, Gov., May 12
State Museums' Open House Day: June 13

Samuel Smith Update: M. Christensen reported a Rotary Grant funding for a Community Garden. Top soil has been delivered. An attorney is working with the Board, pro bono, on the Lease with the Town.

Niantic River Bridge Metal Art Sculpture: Design continues with issues of safety, cost, location, signs, etc. Alvin Sher continues communication with Joe Brogaw in Public Works. B. Johnston, Harbor Management had questions about the previously chosen location and having input from them and Parks and Recreation. M. Nickerson was open to discussion with all groups. More pieces might be available and Alvin will be informed.

Samuel Smith property Archaeological Survey: Contract with consultant is being developed with Town Finance Director. Project will begin in the Spring.

M. Nickerson was welcomed and he contributed to some discussions, including the potential for a three pronged event with the volunteers who work with the three historical houses, ending with a selectman's picnic celebration.

Samuel Smith House sign: Discussion on the potential sign materials under consideration by FSSH&P. Consensus recommendation that it be of wood, not plastic. M. Nickerson wondered if a scallop shell could be on it someplace, to indicate that it was Town property.

E.L. House Inventory: The library was unexpectedly closed for painting and the "By Age" copy of the Inventory was not available. Thus the inventory could not be reviewed. A focused meeting/workshop of Commission will be held to finalize decisions about

significant properties (per Town Historian request). To be scheduled on regular Feb. 16 meeting date, at a non-town location...perhaps, Police Station. L. Lange will check.

E.L Schools/Historic Districts: Waterford sent its records. M. Christensen will review these. L.Lange will contact Alan Scott about interest, and Gary Goeschel about potential maps.

Secretary: Betty Murphy cannot be listed as Secretary since she is an Alternate. She has signed the Minutes, Acting Secretary, which is appropriate. L. Lange will check with Burt Hobby, the former Secretary, to resolve how to proceed.

Preservationists Pot Luck: FSSHP publicity has asked for a written article giving information shared by each group at the event. L. Lange distributed what was sent for HP. Discussion followed about available grants as HP cited at the pot luck.

Adjourned: M. Christensen moved and seconded: 8:52 p.m.

Acting Secretary,

Steve Marks-Hamilton