EASTLYME HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION NOVEMBER 17, 2014 7PM EAST LYME TOWN HALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: C. Hallas, R. Waterman, S. Marks-Hamilton, B. Murphy, M. Christensen, L. Lange, B. Hobby

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R. Waterman seated as an alternate

Minutes of October 20, 2014 accepted – with 2 abstentions

L. Lange reported the Scenic Roads Brochure is drafted. She will be meeting with G. Goeshal - Planning to discuss the brochure, Archeology Grant overview, and the Historic House Designation process.

S. Smith House – M. Christensen reported that there was some discussion about keeping random public or hunters off the property for insurance/liability purposes. No Trespassing signs were suggested. Question about No Trespassing on Town property? The Fire Marshal, Town Building Inspector visited the property and went over the reasons of public access limitations to the house from the insurance company. The Insurance Company has agreed to follow the suggestions of the Town Officials. A Sub-Committee was formed to put together a Lease with the Town and the Friends relationship. Also a sign for the front of the house is in the planning process.

Niantic River Bridge – Cini Park project is progressing the RR pieces are at the Town Garage to be cleaned etc.

House Inventory – is in the hands of the Town Historian L. Kuchta for final adjustments.

Archeology Survey – four requests had been sent to firms as directed by the State – with little response only one showed up and spent several hours going over the property. They must respond with their proposal by December 1, 2014. Then the plans will go to the State.

The Huber Family (previous owners) have Chards collected while they owned the property which they have agree to hand over to the Archeologists.

Historic Property Insurance discussion – several members have been exploring Companies that participate in historic properties. M Christensen contacted his insurer who was not interested in the Smith House. L. Lange discovered that Smith Insurance in Niantic, have a carrier that does Historic Properties.

EL Public Schools – much discussion about the Education Study regarding the condition of the schools, enrollments, and the future. M. Christensen suggested a Flanders Historic

District as a way of preserving the old portion (Administration Building) of the Flanders School which was built about 1913.

The Tinker House has been demolished and a footing for basement has been poured.

Meeting adjourned – M. Christensen – B. Hobby unanimous

Respectfully submitted – Elizabeth H. Murphy, Acting Secretary