

LYME HERITAGE COMMISSION
May 22, 2012
MINUTES

PRESENT: Ray Clark, Adair Mulligan, Charlotte Furstenberg, regular members; Tim Cook, Laurie Wadsworth, alternates; Simon Carr, Selectperson
ABSENT: Jane Fant, regular member

1. **Minutes:** The minutes of the April 24th meeting were approved.
2. **Fund raising:** \$2,000 was received from the Lyme Foundation. Mascoma Bank has not yet notified us about a donation. Simon will email additional information about other donations shortly.
3. **Survey:** 71 houses were surveyed on May 1 & 2. The last house surveyed was the house just south of Mc Laughlin's on River Road. That leaves the rest of River Road and all of route 10 south of town for the next session with Liz.

Liz recommends that we survey and photograph all of the structures built between 1940-1962. She'll review the photographs and see if there are any that she wants to visit. At the June meeting we'll divide up the remaining post 1940 houses and try to have them completed before Liz's next visit in the fall.

Liz asked if someone could be in touch with the Thetford Historical Society to see if they had any information about stone houses. Laurie agreed to ask Jane if she would do it.

Adair typed up inventory sheets on structures completed on the first day. She integrated some information from property owners. The Committee thought it was important to be clear about what information came from Liz and what came from other sources. Charlotte agreed to rename the photographs from the first day. Ray agreed to type up inventory sheets from day 2. Ray and Laurie agreed to work on renaming the photographs from day 2.

The pace of the first 2 days in the field was discussed. There was some concern that, at the current rate, the survey could not be completed in the remaining 4 days that Liz had estimated. Adair agreed to look into how many more pre 1940 houses remained to be done. Several suggestions for speeding things up were discussed including having a driving lunch, eliminating barns that had been covered in the barn survey, and making it clear to property owners that we would not be looking at interiors.

Tasks for the summer:

- Finish the write ups and photographs from the first batch of structures;
- Survey the remaining 1940-62 structures; and
- Complete the background research on the remaining pre 1940 structures.

4. **Public Perception:** Ray stated that some property owners had expressed concern to him about possible design review and tax issues. No one else had encountered similar concerns. Simon stressed that the state controls most tax evaluations and that the results of the survey would have no impact. The role of the Committee is to provide “potential” advice to planning and zoning boards in their efforts to preserve the historic character of town and to provide information to property owners who seek to preserve the historic character of their properties.

Adair plans to write a brief article about the survey in the summer Historians newsletter.

5. **Additional members:** The Committee agreed to postpone appointing a third alternate.
6. **Letter to owners of structures within the Lyme Common Historic District:** The Committee agreed to wait until after Labor Day to send out the letter that Adair had previously drafted.
7. **Next meeting:** Tuesday, June 26, 2012 at the Academy Building.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlotte Furstenberg