

MINUTES LYME HERITAGE COMMISSION

October 22, 2013
LCA Meeting Room

PRESENT: Ray Clark, Jane Fant, regular members; Laurie Wadsworth, alternate
ABSENT: Adair Mulligan regular member; Tim Cook, alternate; Richard Vidal, selectperson;
Rick Pond

(Guest: well-behaved, and quiet Miriam Grove, age 5, Laurie's granddaughter. She had no comments on the meeting other than, "Boring!")

Ray Clark, chair, opened the meeting at 7:05.

1. Minutes:

We voted to accept the Minutes from both the May and Sept. meetings. There were no notes taken at the June meeting; the Commission did not meet in July or August.

2. Photo Update

Putting correct labels on the inventory photos that have been printed:

Laurie completed labeling about one third of the photos. **Ray and Tim** will work on the next group, with **Jane and Rick** finishing the job. The goal is to get them all labeled in time for the Nov. 17 presentation. After Liz returns the files these photos need to be placed in their respective files, after the Nov. 17 presentation.

Historic Photos of properties

The Commission reconsidered an earlier decision to copy all of the Historians' historic photos of the inventoried properties. It was decided to not do this since it would be very expensive in terms of labor, ink and paper. Instead, the Commission decided to provide these photos when requested, by the property owner or the Planning Board.

3. Public Presentation – Sunday Nov. 17 at 3:00 PM Lyme School Cafeteria

We discussed the advantages/disadvantages of the link between the Heritage Commission and the Historians, as they will be probably be confused by the general public. In the end, we decided that it doesn't really matter if the public links or even confuses the two.

Publicity/poster – BY NOVEMBER 1st

Members present expressed their thanks to Adair (though she is out of town tonight) for preparing rough drafts of a poster, banner and press release for our consideration. Poster and banner: We shortened the title and made other suggestions for making especially the banner short and clear. **RAY** will make sure Adair gets the changes. **ADAIR** will send those to **JANE**, who will order 10 posters and the banner for the Common made at Gnomon Copy. **RICK** volunteered to print and distribute the posters. **JANE** will take him cardstock.

- Press Release to the Valley News
- Listservs – both Lyme and Upper Valley Listserv

- postcards to be sent to Lyme residents on the Historians' membership list (about 200 addresses); additional cards to be left at key places such as the library and post offices for people to take home as a reminder

Planning for Nov. 17th

- One more meeting to finalize the plans for that afternoon: *Tues the 12th* 5:00
- Strong urging that all Commission members arrive at the Lyme School on the 17th by 2:00 to help with set-up
- LAURIE will check with the school re: Will chairs be set out? Is there a screen we can use? Is there a sound system for Liz? Tables for food? etc.
- Commission members will provide refreshments for the presentation

Schedule for Nov. 17th:

Members agreed on a general schedule for that Sunday afternoon:

3:00 People gather and settle

3:05 Welcome and thank you to donors and townspeople; introduce **all Commission members** (including Simon and Charlotte): **RAY**

3:10 Reason for the Heritage Commission and our purpose for the Inventory ; **WHO?**
– **Jane?**

3:15 Short introduction of Liz – her qualifications – **WHO?**

3:17 – 4:15 Liz's presentation: "Lyme Through the Lens"

4:14 – 4:30 Q and A

5-6:30 Celebration at the Lyme Inn – see below:

Gathering at the Lyme Inn after the Presentation:

It was agreed that a short gathering after Liz's presentation would be appreciated by her and Commission members. The members discussed various options for such a potential post-program get-together.

4. Historic Structures Restoration Fund

Ray reported that there has been some interest in forming such a fund through the Lyme Foundation. Basically, it would be a fund to which property owners could apply for funding for repair and/or upkeep of their historic structure (house, barn, culvert, stone wall, etc) The Heritage Commission would need to apply to the Lyme Foundation for a grant. The proposal would include standards to which the property owner must comply.

Some properties in danger of destruction or removal that we know about presently are the former Ken Elder's house on Acorn Hill Rd and the Tullar's yellow barn on No. Thetford Road.

Due to the late hour and the amount of planning work to be done for the Nov. 17th Presentation, further discussion of this topic was postponed until the December meeting.

5. Next Meetings

Laurie agreed to notify the Town that our regular 4th Tues of the month schedule will be disrupted for November and December.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Wadsworth, secretary