

LYME HERITAGE COMMISSION

Minutes—December 2, 2021

Offices of Lyme Historians at 15 Main Street

Present: Adair Mulligan, Laurie Wadsworth, Tim Cook

Absent: Ben Kilham, Ray Clark

Public: Sally Rice, Dave Schaffer, Tracy O'Brien

Vice-chair Adair Mulligan called meeting to order at 7:08 PM

1, Minutes of previous meeting—[September, 2, 2021]—Approved as written

2, Discussion concerning—Proposal of making the road on the backside of the Common one way going West and also making parking spaces for 30 cars in the un-used lane along the road. Everyone at the meeting was vehemently opposed to this proposal.

The Lyme Common is designated a "National Historic District" and it was agreed that having a parking lot on the Common would be the antithesis of that.

It was brought up that during the Lyme Common Committee meetings, it had been agreed there really was not a parking problem in downtown Lyme. There are only large gatherings 2 or 3 times a year at most, which didn't seem to qualify as a problem.

It was proposed that a study be done to: 1] Determine whether parking is really a problem.

2] Draw up a Master Plan for all of downtown Lyme.

Laurie Wadsworth will look into organizing a Town wide meeting, [possibly to be held at the school], to discuss the proposals for the backside of the Common. She will consult with Dina about the proper procedure for this.

3, East Thetford bridge—A letter was sent to Jennifer Reczek at the DOT, asking whether a pedestrian/bike walkway could be added to the bridge. We are awaiting a response.

4, Photo documentation—It was agreed the Commission still needs to continue doing photo documentation of historic houses.

Meeting adjourned—8:07 PM