

## LYME HERITAGE COMMISSION

April 26, 2016 7:00 p.m.  
LCA Meeting Room

PRESENT: Adair Mulligan, vice chair; Tim Cook, Laurie Wadsworth; Patty Jenks, select person  
ABSENT: Ray Clark, chair; Jane Fant, Jane Eakin, alternate; Pat Erwin-Ploog, alternate

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Adair Mulligan.

1. **Approval of Minutes:** With a few minor corrections, the Draft Minutes from the Feb. 23 meeting were approved as amended. [Note, the Commission did not meet in March.]

2. **Interior photo documentation of Endangered or Critical Properties - our "Top Ten" Nominations**

Looking at the top three on the list that we compiled at our last meeting, Laurie encouraged us to begin with the Hamilton House, since the Historians' recent presentation on the Underground Railroad prompted the owners to give a complete tour to a few Historians, and Laurie feels they may be open to having their house documented. Discussion ensued about the best way to proceed. Patty raised concern that the Select Board may have about liability issues, since we are a Town Commission. Jane Eakin had submitted a form that she adapted from her real estate business giving permission to photograph a property. Before we contact any property owners, Patty will bring that form before the Select Board at their Thursday morning meeting. If they approve, the sense of our meeting was that Laurie will call the Greenleafs and we will proceed to find a mutual time to visit their home with a photographer.

Commissioners also agreed that we should document the Fairfield House on 100 River Road (the "Poor Farm" / Wilmott house) before it is demolished. (The demolition permit has been issued.) Tim will ask the owner's permission, via Dave Roby. Patty will ask Steve Rich if he would serve as our photographer of that building. Other possible photographers are Paul Klee or Elizabeth Kilmarx. Once we have permission and a photographer, Tim will advise the documentation, and Laurie will record as the photos are taken so they can be later identified.

3. **Photo file storage; digital library** Our hope is that then Pat Erwin-Ploog will advise how to set up a documentation "library" of photos.

4. **Chesley School** Laurie reported that Ray Clark is working with the owner to determine property lines, etc. Since both the Historians and the Heritage Commission have several other balls in the air right now, we decided to wait for Ray's guidance on this property.

5. **Little Common** Commissioners are pleased that the Town voted down the use of part of the Little Common for school overflow parking. Tim and Jane went to one of the Coffee Hours with the Selectboard and discussed options for a fence of granite posts to delineate between the school parking lot and the Little Common. Design has not yet been finalized. Patty suggested adding plantings from historic properties around town.

6. **Cemetery Commission** Since they have not met yet this year, this discussion is postponed to our next meeting.

7. **Other business** Jane Fant's term has expired, and she has requested to not be reappointed. The Commission voted to recommend to the Select Board to appoint alternate Jane Eakin as a full Commissioner. The Town will advertise for a volunteer to fill the alternate's position.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laurie Wadsworth, secretary