

**MINUTES**  
**LYME HERITAGE COMMISSION**

February 25, 2014                      7:00 p.m.  
LCA Meeting Room

PRESENT: Adair Mulligan, vice chair; Jane Fant, regular member; Laurie Wadsworth, alternate; Tim Cook, alternate; Rick Pond

ABSENT: Ray Clark, chair; Richard Vidal, selectperson

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 by Vice Chair Adair Mulligan.

**1. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the January 28, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved, with one abstention by Tim Cook, who did not receive them. In the future, **Laurie** will make sure Tim receives Minutes and Drafts by US mail.

**2. Update on Inventory Report**

Commission members agreed that the publication of this important report should be as accurate and complete as possible. Our contract with Ms. Hengen is fulfilled; now the report is "in our hands." We agreed to (1) review the draft carefully and correct errors and omissions as needed, and (2) add chapters on other Historic Resources in Town, such as cemeteries, stone culverts, and tombs, as well as a glossary of terms. The Cemetery Commission will be requested to help with that portion of the final report. Other resources will be cited, such as the Barns survey completed in 2003, housed in the Historians' office.

a. Second Draft: Ray had the second draft put onto individual disks, which he had distributed to each of us. Only a few of us had had a chance to review it, a time-consuming chore. The Commission voted to request the Town to make us hard copies, B&W, back-to-back, which would be much easier to read and edit. **Rick** offered to supply a ream of paper, and **Laurie** will deliver that, along with our request, to the Town Office tomorrow, in hopes of getting the hard copies back out to us within a week.

b. Working meeting: We agreed to meet again in March, possibly on a Saturday morning, to carefully go over our edits of the Report. **Adair** will confirm dates with Ray, and get back to us with an agreed date. Ray had suggested, and the Commission agreed, to include former Commissioner Charlotte Furstenberg to this meeting. Not only did Charlotte participate in much of the compiling of research for this inventory, she also has experience from completing a similar report in Connecticut and would therefore offer valuable insights. **Ray** will invite her when we have a firm date.

**3. Pamphlet about Heritage Commission**

**Jane** had completed a first draft of an initial pamphlet. She will add some historic photos, date it, and e-mail us a draft this week. **Laurie** agreed to then order 100 copies from

Gnomon Copy and take them to Town Meeting. It is understood that we may revise the pamphlet later (for inclusion in Newcomers' packets, etc.)

#### **4. Barn Easement expirations**

Commissioners reviewed the draft of a letter that Adair had written. We agreed to authorize **Adair** to send it from the HC, as a courtesy reminder, to the four barn owners whose easements expire this year.

The Commission additionally approved a letter to the Select board concerning an historic property that is in violation of a protection by the Upper Valley Land Trust, urging the Selectboard to rescind the tax abatement if the violation is not corrected. **Adair** will send.

#### **5. Historic Structures Restoration Fund status**

The Lyme Foundation is in the process of discussing how the funds would be distributed. We agreed to postpone consideration until Ray has an update from them.

#### **6. Status of HC Web page and appointments**

Ray has asked **Richard** to reappoint Adair, Tim and Laurie and to formally appoint Rick, but we have not received letters yet. **Laurie** has requested that our meetings be correctly posted. She will also request updating the information on our page of the Town's website when our new terms are confirmed, and our new representative from the Select board is assigned.

#### **7. Old House and Barn Expo March 15-16, 2014**

Members were urged to attend this fun and informative gathering of fellow enthusiasts, experts and vendors in Manchester, sponsored every other year by the NH Preservation Alliance.

#### **8. Other business**

Since our careful review of the Inventory Report will delay its publication for a few months, Laurie requested permission to informally send the portion of the report on their property to two owners, for their edification. The pages would be clearly marked "DRAFT" and the letter would be personal, not from the HC. Jane requested to do the same for an historic property that is going on the market soon, as she was contacted for information about it from the realtor. Both requests were approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laurie Wadsworth, secretary