

LYME HERITAGE COMMISSION
February 26, 2013
MINUTES

PRESENT: Ray Clark, Adair Mulligan, Charlotte Furstenberg, Jane Fant, regular members;
Laurie Wadsworth, alternate; Simon Carr, Selectperson

Absent: Tm Cook, alternate

1. **Minutes:** The January minutes were approved.
2. **Update on inventory forms:** To date all of the inventory forms have been updated with information from the maps, Patterns & Pieces, Arcadia and the barn book. Information obtained from homeowners will be added at the end of each form as the forms are entered. Some photos from the barn book need to be copied and added to the files.

Adair discovered two houses that were missed in the survey: Charlotte LaMott's house and the cape at the intersection of Baker Hill Road, Claflin Lane and Pico Lane. She will photograph these houses, send the photos to Liz to ask for her comments on them, and add them to the inventory.

Adair also noted that there are several houses (inventory #s 133, 174, 196, 225) that are significant for which there is little information in the files. She will pass that information on to Liz.

The houses around Post Pond have not yet been photographed. Ray will try to photograph them before the ice melts.

Information about structures within the historic districts also needs to be updated. Laurie volunteered to create files for structures in the Lyme Common District.

3. **Digitizing files and photos:** Over the next two weeks Commission members will work on renaming the photo files, typing up the remaining inventory forms, proofreading all of the inventory forms, and then sending all the electronic files to Liz. Once that is completed, the remaining barn photos will be copied and the hard copy of the files deposited in the Town Office building.
4. **Other business:** Simon presented the site plan for the addition on Dowd's Country Inn. Simon stated that the 28' by 50' addition would be white clapboard with 5 windows facing the Common, that the pitch of the roof would be the same as the pitch on the kitchen roof, and that there would be a brick chimney at the east end. The Commission agreed that, in the future, we would like to see elevations before commenting on plans. Ray agreed to draft a letter to the Planning Board.

Simon reported that on March 21 Don and Julia Elder will present the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) with a plan to demolish their house on Dorchester Road and replace it with a new log cabin. Adair agreed to draft a letter to the ZBA.

Other threatened structures include the house and barn at Loch Lyme Lodge, Ken Elder's house on Acorn Hill Road and the cape at 42 Claflin Lane. The Commission discussed the need to become proactive in educating the community about the value of historic structures, particularly later period structures, and in establishing a group to advocate on the behalf of threatened structures.

5. The Commission thanked Simon for his years of service to the Commission and to the town.
6. **Next meeting:** Tuesday, March 26, 2013 7 p.m. at the Academy Building.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Charlotte Furstenberg