

LYME HERITAGE COMMISSION

Nov. 28, 2017

7:00 p.m.

Lyme Historians Office
15 Main St., Lyme NH

PRESENT: Adair Mulligan, vice chair; Tim Cook, Laurie Wadsworth, Steve Rich, alternate

ABSENT: Ray Clark, chair; Jane Eakin; Rusty Keith, select person; Pat Erwin-Ploog, alternate

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 by Vice-Chair Mulligan.

1. Approval of Minutes: Tim suggested some clarifications to the notes from Oct. 25 but will defer a vote to accept them until its attendees are all present. Laurie will incorporate Tim's rewording and send out a second draft of those Minutes.
2. Easement on 16 The Common: Since the Select Board did not approve the Heritage Commission's holding of this easement, the owner will set one up independently. A short discussion ensued about the general idea of the Commission holding easements. We proposed that in January we step back and review our purpose and policies. Meanwhile, Tim will check with Jennifer Goodman of the NH Preservation Alliance about whether other NH town Heritage Commissions hold easements, and if there is a policy we could use as a model.
3. Photographs of key historic landmarks and disposition of results: At the last meeting, the question was raised about the long-term storage of the digital photographs. Adair reported that she was able to burn a CD of Steve's photos of the "Poor Farm" (100 River Road) from Patty Jenks' computer at the Town Office. She suggested that as we progress, we make two CDs of the photos of each property, one to be stored in its corresponding Heritage file here at the Historians office, and the second in the safe at the Town Office. Laurie will talk to Patty and make a place at the Town Office, and look into a bulk purchase of blank CDs for this purpose.

The next hurdle will be to get each of the accumulating photos properly labeled, a potentially time-consuming task. Adair and Steve will try to get together before the next meeting to label all the photos from 100 River Road, and hopefully come up with a system for proceeding with each property. Tim strongly urged us to also make prints, which could also be labeled and stored in each file. This might provide a more accessible way for future inquirers to study them.

Commissioners agreed that we should keep moving ahead with the photographing/documentation. Adair had photographed the hip-roofed Edward Baker House [DATE?] at One Franklin Hill Rd. a few years ago, and she will put those onto a CD as well. The next three priorities for Steve and crew would be: (1) 136 Washburn Hill (the old brick house only, purportedly built by John Sloan) (2) brick house at 39 Pleasant Street (1818 "Converse House") and (3) Hamilton House at the head of the Common (37 Union St.). Jane Eakin is urged to set up a session the Washburn Hill property ASAP because it has recently been sold. Tim and/or Laurie will get written permission from the Greenleafs for the Hamilton House.

[See addendum at the end of these Minutes for a list of properties done so far.]

4. East Thetford Bridge: Tim reported that there is nothing new to report! We await to hear the results, if any, of Ray's letter to the State affirming the Heritage Commission's support of a pedestrian walkway, which we voted on at the October meeting.

5. Historic District Signage: Tim brought in some photos of mostly metal signs from other towns, which we will add to our collection of examples. The signage sub-committee of Adair, Jane and Laurie will try to come up with a preliminary proposal for the January meeting. We might also consider Michael Whitman's suggestion of pursuing the State's erection of an "official" historic marker for Lyme's horse sheds.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Wadsworth, secretary

NEXT MEETING: JANUARY 23, 2018

addendum

HISTORIC PROPERTIES PHOTOGRAPHED SO FAR:

Extensively photographed by Steve:

- "Poor farm" at 100 River Road (now demolished)
- Ct. River Stock Farm (E. Mudge's) at 376 River Road— house and barns?
- S. Dimick House (A. Farrar) at 192 Pinnacle Road
- 70 Acorn Hill (Ken Elder's) - by Ray? (now demolished)
- Gilbert Tavern at 261 River Road - by Ray?
- 25 Pleasant St. (S. Reininger) - by Ray?

Photographed, but not extensively:

- 7 Market Street (schoolhouse) - by Laurie
- 1 Franklin Hill - by Adair
- 2 Shoestrapp (Hewes/Warren Tavern) - by Adair & Laurie
- 11 No. Thetford Rd. (Dorf's) - a few by Laurie

Our own homes:

- Moses Kent House at 772 River Road - Tim
- Sanborn House at 175 Dorchester Road - Adair
- Dimick (?) House at 226 Pinnacle - Ray
- Latham Store at 12 On The Common - Laurie
- 236 Orford Road - by Pat?