

LYME HERITAGE COMMISSION

March 28, 2017 7:00 p.m.
Lyme Historians Office
15 Main St., Lyme NH

PRESENT: Ray Clark, chair; Adair Mulligan, vice chair; Tim Cook, Jane Eakin, Laurie Wadsworth;
Rusty Keith, select person

ABSENT: Pat Erwin-Ploog, alternate; Steve Rich, alternate

1. **Approval of Minutes:** The Draft Minutes from the February meeting were unanimously approved.
2. **East Thetford Bridge** update : Tim had sent Commissioners a copy of an e-mail from Jay Barrett, stating that both the VT and NH SHPO have reviewed the National Register nomination. Furthermore, it has caught the attention of James Garvin, acclaimed former NH State Architectural Historian, and lover of bridges, who might get involved especially in the design of the center pier. Also, Jay has not given up on the design of a bicycle/pedestrian path, to address safety concerns, that could possibly be built in a complementary style.
3. **Chesley Schoolhouse:** The agreement has been signed by the Historians and now awaits final approval by Jane Palmer and Tim Caldwell.

Rusty Keith, our new Select Board representative joined us when he was free from another meeting. Chair Clark spent some time updating Rusty about the purposes, accomplishments and current projects of the Heritage Commission. We are pleased to welcome Rusty to the commission.

4. **Rules of Procedure:** Ray had distributed the final draft that was hammered out at the last meeting. It was noted that they can be amended in the future. Adair moved to accept the Rules as sent, seconded by Ray. The Rules of Procedure were unanimously adopted. Laurie will attach them to the Minutes of this meeting (removing the word “Draft”) and call them to Dina’s attention.

Adair also asked Laurie to request that our webpage information be updated with the list of current members and their terms. (See list at the end of these Minutes.)

5. **Interior photos:** Spring has brought a renewed determination to work through our list of properties to document. The recent fire at the Mayo/ house (date:) reminds us of our purpose. Jane Eakin offered to organize the next “photo shoot” at the c. 1780 Mudge/Ct. River Stock Farm (376 River Road), both house and barns, for Friday April 7. Upon the suggestion that we try to do two a day, commissioners debated about which other property to include. Jane has the current listing of historic properties for sale

(and therefore presumably empty) which includes: C. Lea/Sawyer House, 1808, (522 River Rd.) which has been extensively renovated; DeGoosh house on Pinnacle Rd.; “Lyme Timber”/Wales House 1868, #16 On the Common; Farrar’s brick house at the top of Pinnacle Road. Laurie selfishly requested to wait on the Farrar’s since she is not available on the 7th and would like to see it. Jane E. will contact other owners to arrange for a photo shoot on that day and notify Commissioners of the times.

Laurie agreed to resend the “Top Ten” list that we had agreed upon several months ago.

It was noted that Steve Rich now has e-mail: Bees1944@gmail.com. Tim will contact him. Also, Rusty will check with Patty Jenks to be sure Steve’s photos of the now demolished “Poor Farm” (100 River Road) are safely stored in the Town’s computer system.

6. Demolition Delay Ordinance: Commissioners engaged in a lengthy discussion and debate about the best way to facilitate its adoption by the Town. Topics included the required age of the property, the notification of owners and contractors, and the means for adoption. At Rusty’s suggestion, Adair agreed to consult the NH Municipal Assn. about how to legally adopt a Demolition Delay Ordinance.

7. Other:

- Adair has renewed her application as a commissioner, and awaits appointment by the Select Board.
- Facade easement: David Roby will forward the document when he has it completed for the consideration of the Commission about holding the easement.
- Master Plan: Tim went through and noted all the places that refer to historic assets. He will send his list for Commissioners to review before the next meeting. [sent 3-29]
- Historic District Sign: Jane and Laurie photographed a lovely example of a sign in Sturbridge, MA. Commissioners are encouraged to take photos of such in other towns that we visit so we can move ahead with the plan for some sort of signage to delineate our two historic districts.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Wadsworth, secretary

Historic District Commission 2017-18:

Ray Clark, chair (2019)
Adair Mulligan, vice chair (2020)
Tim Cook (2018)
Jane Eakin (2019)
Laurie Wadsworth (2018)

alternates:
Pat Erwin-Ploog (2018)
Steve Rich (2019)