



TOWN OF LEDYARD

Historic District Commission

Meeting Minutes

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Chairman
Vincent Godino

Regular Meeting

Monday, September 18, 2023

7:00 PM

Town Hall Annex -Hybrid Format

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Chairman Godino at 7:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present Commissioner William Barnes
Commissioner Melissa Dyson
Commissioner Douglas Kelley
Chairman Vincent Godino
Alternate Member Kelly Lamb
Excused Commissioner Earl Lamb
Non-voting Alternate Member Kenneth Geer

III. APPOINTMENTS OF ALTERNATES

Kelly Lamb was appointed as a voting member.

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE Regular Meeting Minutes from June 19, 2023, and special Meeting Minutes from July 31, 2023, as written.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Douglas Kelley

SECONDER: Melissa Dyson

AYE 5 Barnes Dyson Kelley Godino Lamb

EXCUSED 1 Lamb

V. FISCAL REPORTS

1. Financial Reports.

There is an issue with the Finance reporting, the numbers below are partial.

Donations - Nathan Lester House = \$11,281
Sawmill = \$6,343.

ARPA - Nathan Lester House spent = \$13,000, remaining = \$27,000
Sawmill spent = \$4,745, remaining = \$120,260.

Capital = \$37,000.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Sawmill Committee - Mr. Barnes.

- Tail race: A proposal has been submitted to the Town to be released for RFP. A meeting will be held with any vendors who are interested. Hopes to have a contract award by the end of October. This timeframe would allow work to be completed before the Sawmill opens in the spring. If three bids are not received it will need to go through the Town Council.

- Beth Ackley: Recommendations on follow along activity, she is in the process of revising to reflect the budget that is remaining. There may be a possibility of Grant money for ADA work at the Sawmill.

- Chris Cobb volunteered at the Sawmill. Mr. Cobb took off the old pulley for evaluation and realized that the pulley was comprised of at least fifty parts. He was able to cut each part to the correct size and reassemble it so it could be reinstalled. Another individual, Jack Dessormier, has been working on a video for the Sawmill.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

2. Nathan Lester House - Ms. Dyson/Mr. Kelley.

- It was decided to continue the exhibition of the 1940's Fog of War movie set at the Nathan Lester House. The exhibition has been well received and the feedback has been positive. Some visitors have even asked if the exhibit will remain after the movie is released.

- Sharon Primett, Nathan Lester House Caretaker has been working on the front fence. She has sanded and primed the fence; it now needs to be painted.

- John Kelley has completed his work on the house. He repaired the cellar bulkhead, replaced the front threshold and has given some advice on how to address repairs to the fence.

- The potential of switching the entrance and exit was discussed with the garden Club. Switching the exit and entrance allows for the house to be seen upon entrance and would allow for easier access to the overflow parking. The possibilities of adding additional gardens were also discussed. The NLH Subcommittee would also like to enhance the current entrance, to make it more noticeable. Mr. Kelley has been cleaning up the driveway and removing any small dead trees that need to be come down. The Garden Club said would be happy to consult with the NLH

Subcommittee.

- The October Fall Festival will be held on Saturday October 7, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

- The Subcommittee is planning to decorate the NLH for the Yuletide celebration following a 1940's theme.

- Eight dead trees were removed from along the exit driveway of the NLH property. After the trees were cut, Public Works cleared the downed trees from the property.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

3. Research/Preservation - Mr. Lamb.

No updates.

4. Center School - Mr. Geer.

- The Center School was open at the beginning of September, Mr. Lamb volunteered to open the school for tours.

- Looking to coordinate having the Center School open for tours during the next car show event.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

5. Social Media - Ms. Dyson.

The issue encountered when trying to access the Historic District Commission Instagram page has been resolved.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Any Other Old Business to come before the Commission.

None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

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None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to ADJOURN the Regular Meeting at 7:42 p.m.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Melissa Dyson

SECONDER: William Barnes

AYE 5 Barnes Dyson Kelley Godino Lamb

EXCUSED 1 Lamb

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