



TOWN OF LEDYARD

Historic District Commission

Meeting Minutes

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Chairman
Vincent Godino

Regular Meeting

Monday, October 16, 2023

7:00 PM

Town Hall Annex -Hybrid Format

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Chairman Godino at 7:01 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present Commissioner William Barnes
 Commissioner Melissa Dyson
 Commissioner Douglas Kelley
 Chairman Vincent Godino
 Alternate Member Kenneth Geer

Excused Commissioner Earl Lamb
 Alternate Member Kelly Lamb

III. APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES

Ken Geer was appointed as an alternate.

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE Regular Meeting Minutes from September 18, 2023, as written.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Douglas Kelley

SECONDER: Kenneth Geer

AYE 5 Barnes Dyson Kelley Godino Geer

EXCUSED 2 Lamb Lamb

V. FISCAL REPORTS

1. Financial Reports.

Sawmill - Spent = \$685. Remaining = \$4,865.

Nathan Lester House - Spent = \$2,300. Remaining = \$ 7,400.

Lester House ARPA - Spent = \$13,000. Remaining = \$27,000.

Sawmill ARPA - Spent = \$4,745. Remaining = \$120,000.

Capital (total) = \$35,000.

Donation accounts:

Lester House - Remaining = \$11,300.

Sawmill - Remaining = \$6,774.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Sawmill Committee - Mr. Barnes.

- The fall season started last weekend (October 7th).

- The RFP for Tail race has been submitted. Mr. Barnes received a phone call because there was a stipulation that the Sawmill could be visited. The hope is to have three bids, bidding closes on 10/19. All work would most likely start next year (2024). Some work could possibly start this year, weather depending. The contract could be awarded, with work to start before the 2024 Spring season.

- Updated proposal was received from Beth Acly, Cirrus Engineer with a slightly reduced quote of \$4,500. It has been sent out for review. If approved, they would move forward. Ms. Acly is also working on a proposal for an ADA entrance.

- Details around another RFP for the lining of the Inlet pipe have been created. Mr. Ganong is pulling additional information together. The estimated cost could possibly be 30-40K.

- Additional work on the outside may need to occur on the corner of the building, it's not expected to be a large expense.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

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

-The Cider Day Event was held on October 7th. The event was successful, it included pumpkin decorating, cider press demonstrations, face painting several demos, an Archeological dig demonstration, a spinner inside the house, and a black smithing.

-Planning to talk to the Society about potentially doing demonstrations on some of the other items that are currently in the barn.

-The Yuletide event will be on December 3rd. The Committee will be partnering with the Historic Society. The Garden Club will be decorating the NLH in the style of the 1940's.

-Ornament Crafting event will be on Saturday November 18th.

- Attendance on the weekends has fallen (as expected this time of year). Need to decide to keep it open this late into the season. Can also consider other hours such as 1:00-4:00.

-Chairman Godino was able to attend the Historic Society meeting and received permission to repair the tray on the cider press.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

3. Research/Preservation - Mr. Lamb.

Written report.

-Working on signs for Shewville Road, Colonel Ledyard Highway, and Spicer Hill Road.

- Met with some of the Town Council about the appropriate POC to approach the fort and cemetery. The next step is to talk with the Mayor.
- Spicer Ruins - Met with the Land-Use Committee. The next step there is to provide a walking tour to the interested Town Councilors. Working on a date for this.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

4. Center School - Mr. Geer.

No updates.

5. Social Media - Ms. Dyson.

There have been posts on both Facebook and Instagram. Cross promotion with the District account and the Sawmill account has worked out great.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

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

None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

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Ms. Billings reached out to Chairman Godino regarding the sign at the Ferry Landing which is starting to delaminate. Chairman Godino will reach out to Fast Signs to see if the sign can be repaired or if it needs to be replaced. If it needs to be replaced, could the District Commission pay for the new sign?

RESULT: DISCUSSED

X. ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting was ADJOURNED at 7:50 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dyson, seconded by Alternate Member Geer, that this be Approved and so declared. The motion carried by the following vote:

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Melissa Dyson

SECONDER: Kenneth Geer

AYE 5 Barnes Dyson Kelley Godino Geer

EXCUSED 2 Lamb Lamb

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