



TOWN OF LEDYARD

Historic District Commission

Meeting Minutes

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Chairman Vincent
Godino

Regular Meeting

Monday, February 27, 2023

7:00 PM

Town Hall Annex -Hybrid Format

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

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

Non-voting Alternate Member Earl Lamb

Mr. Barnes attended via Zoom.

Additional attendees:
Victoria Ericson (via Zoom)

III. APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES

Mr. Geer was appointed as a voting member.

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE Regular Meeting Minutes from January 23, 2023 with the following change:

Change page 5, second sentence to read "A working group met on January 16, 2023, Mr. Lamb, Mrs. Kelly and Mrs. Ericson."

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Douglas Kelley

SECONDER: Melissa Dyson

AYE 5 Barnes Dyson Kelley Godino Geer

V. FISCAL REPORTS**1. Financial Reports**

No real changes to the budgets.

Nathan Lester House - \$3669 (spent) \$5206 (remaining)

Sawmill - \$3619 (spent) \$3055 (remaining)

School - \$500 (remaining)

Preservation - \$400 (remaining)

Capital: \$27,000 - (one account for both NLH & Sawmill)

Nathan Lester House ARPA - \$7500 (spent) \$32,500 (remaining)

Sawmill ARPA - 3000 (spent) \$122,000 (remaining)

NLH Donations - \$449

Sawmill Donations - \$5658

The next fiscal year budget meeting will be on March 3, 2023 at 12:15

RESULT: DISCUSSED

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**1. Sawmill Committee - Mr. Barnes**

It has been a good experience with the alarm system, it has been activated for the last few months. Possibility of an issue with the motion sensors, but to date it has been fine with no false alarms.

Still waiting for the assessment on the Sawmill, it was supposed to be completed by the end of last week. Should have the assessment by Wednesday or Thursday of this week. Once the assessment is reviewed the repair list will be prioritized

RESULT: DISCUSSED

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

There has been some hiccups with the alarm system but overall things are going well. The smoke detector in the kitchen was swapped out for a heat sensor.

4th of July planning to start next month, Chairman Godino suggested reaching out to Mr. Moore to see if he would be interested in participating.

Mr. Lamb asked about the Ledyard Oak. The new oak tree was planted by Springs and Twigs, no dedication has been made. Not sure that it can be claimed as an off shoot of the Charter Oak, however the tree by the House is an off shoot of the Charter Oak. Further discussion to follow.

Mr. Lamb also asked about the website for the farm in Western Connecticut. The group will review/discuss and reach out to Mrs. Ericson as questions arise.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

3. Research/Preservation - Mr. Lamb

Part of Preservation is to work with the Allyn Farm to preserve “very old varieties”, from local apple farm. Bill S, Victoria and Ty are preparing to graft in these old apple trees into root stock. Planning to commence in April 2023.

Spicer Site - Need to reach out to Juliet Hodge, Gary Paul or Naomi Rodriguez to broach subject of land use for this site, which comes under the Town Council. Will attend the March meeting of the Tri-Town Trail. Ms. Ericson made mention of the Mystic Noank Library, they would have interest in having a tour of the Spicer site in relation to the mansion and the library being built by the Spicer’s

Historic District signs - January 29th, Ms. Kelly, Ms. Ericson and Mr. Lamb conducted a tour of some of the Lamb’s farm with included visiting the gold and sulfur mine of the late 1800’s with GOSA. Approximately 8 GOSA members attended. Toured the proposal site for the Lambtown Historic and Garden site (pollinator).

Sign maker update - Preliminary sign concept (Lamb Homestead in the district 1714, 1st Baptist Church in Connecticut 1705, Lambtown School House, Farm scene, and others) and started discussions of cost.

Ms. Ericson and Mr. Lamb reached out to the Ledyard Garden Club (Ms. Levandoski), will have follow up conversations with her in near future.

Will attend the Ledyard Beautification Committee and Conservation Commission meetings to discuss.

Need to draft up an official proposal to GOSA, Ms. Ericson will edit.

Will attend some additional meetings (Town Council, Zoning, Land Use).

Virtual Path - Ms. Ericson and Mr. Lamb are still researching active grants, should have an estimated cost by the next meeting.

Completed the Art commission of the “Icehouse” painting (April Fleming).

RESULT: DISCUSSED

4. Center School - Mr. Geer

An estimate was received from Mr. Kelley to repair the Schoolhouse exterior trim.

Repairs (replace with red cedar) to the South side, West side \$1,340 (includes painting).

Repairs to sashes: \$100.00 per window.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

5. Social Media - Ms. Dyson

No updates.

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 7:45 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

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