



TOWN OF LEDYARD

Historic District Commission

Meeting Minutes

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Chairman
Vincent Godino

Regular Meeting

Monday, April 17, 2023

7:00 PM

Town Hall Annex -Hybrid Format

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Godino called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Also in attendance was Kelly Lamb.

III. APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES

Not needed.

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE the Regular Meeting Minutes from March 20, 2023, and the Special Meeting Minutes from March 30, 2023.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Douglas Kelley

SECONDER: William Barnes

AYE 5 Barnes Dyson Kelley Godino Lamb

V. FISCAL REPORTS

1. Financial Reports

Nathan Lester House: \$5605.00 (spent) \$3269.00 (remaining)

Sawmill: \$4283.00 (spent) \$2392.00 (remaining)

Schoolhouse: \$500.00 (remaining)

Preservation \$400.00 (remaining)

The Commission could potentially use funds for the District signs.

It was decided to transfer funds to the Schoolhouse for upcoming repairs. \$200.00 from both the Sawmill and the Nathan Lester House will be transferred to assist with the repairs on the Schoolhouse (the estimated repair cost is \$1,300.00).

Chairman Godino said that FY2022/23 purchase orders must be submitted by the first week of June.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Sawmill Committee - Mr. Barnes

The final version of the Structural Survey and Condition Assessment of the Ledyard Sawmill was completed. There is now a good working list of repairs that need to be accomplished. One of the items that should be completed sooner than later is to have a gutter installed off the roof to redirect the water from the stairs and foundation.

It is apparent that the stairs need repair as well as the race wall because of the run-off. Mr. Barnes will start collecting quotes on what the costs of those repairs will be. It could be completed in phases:

1. Gutter to redirect the water.
2. Repair the steps.
3. Repair the wall.

The report lists several items that should be addressed but it does not provide a priority list. The priority list will include things that will allow the mill to stay open (tail race, the inlet pipe, stairs). Some items will require additional research as they could be complex to repair. The report also addresses repair paths (authentic, newer technology and a hybrid of newer technology wrapped in authentic covers). The Sawmill would like to decide which route to go. Mr. Barnes is asking for approval to proceed with the high priority items.

One of the motion detectors has been causing an issue by sounding off at midnight. The alarm has been taken down and the alerts stopped but alarms sound again once they are reinstalled.

There is a camera installed as well, but because the light does not work the basement is un-viewable.

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

The work on the outside of the house has been put on hold as of now. Bid package preparation is underway.

Today (April 17, 2023) the onsite work has begun for the movie to be filmed on site. Ms. Dyson and Mr. Kelley are working with the Historic Society to help facilitate packing of artifacts that are not going to be used. Two rooms will be used downstairs along with the entry/staircase (the keeping room and parlor) and two of the bedrooms upstairs. Most items will be stored on site; however, a storage unit has been secured for those items that will not fit in the area. An assessment for insurance purposes will be provided by Mr. Foster of the Historic Society. Photos were taken as needed.

The Fire Marshall visited the NLH this morning (April 17, 2023). He said the fire extinguishers will need to be recharged otherwise everything else is in good working order.

The Ledyard Garden Club has been involved as well, ensuring that the garden has been completed prior to the park closing.

Public Works was unable to mow today (April 17, 2023) as scheduled because of the rain, they will try again next week. In addition, PW is continuing to do work along the stone walls. PW have been in contact with the garden club about the use of herbicides. They are also aware of the trees that will need to be cleaned up.

Mr. Lamb has spoken with the Historic Society and would like to work with the new curator identifying the tools in the barns and ensuring that they are labeled correctly (including the donor).

Mr. Lamb was asking if anyone had access to the contract that was signed between the Town and the production company. Chairman Godino will follow up with Mayor Allyn III to get a copy. This would give the Commission an opportunity to review and ensure all concerns were addressed. The contract could also be used in the future as a guideline.

Mr. Barnes asked how much would be filmed on the property (entire move or just a quick shot). It was answered that they plan on filming quite a bit in the house and within the Carpenter Shop and Barn.

3. Research/Preservation - Mr. Lamb

Research Continues on house signs.

Base sign for Lambtown has been received. Has reached out to GOSA on updates to when proposal will be submitted.

The Garden Club has signed up to support the initial design for a pollinator garden around the Historic sign. A written proposal has not been received yet. Maintenance will not be included.

Wednesday, April 19, at 5:00, the garden Club will be hiking the Spicer ruins. They will be meeting at Rose Hill. Mr. Lamb will email anyone who may be interested in joining the hike.

4. Center School - Mr. Geer

In the future, if there is an event (like last weekend's food truck) Mr. Geer would like to know so he could possibly open the Schoolhouse for people to walk through.

Chairman Godino will reach out to Mr. Kelley to see if the repair proposal is still good and will put him in contact with Mr. Geer.

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 7:55 p.m.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Douglas Kelley

SECONDER: William Barnes

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