

Subject to Approval

**Old Elm Street Study Group
Regular Meeting, January 24, 20221
7:30 p.m. at Madison Town Campus
Meeting Room: Zoom Online Webinar**

MEMBERS Present: Thomas Boyle, Eric Berg, John Lind, Susan Cartledge, Pending member Denny Van Liew

MEMBERS absent: Peter Clement, Eric Axberg

ALTERNATES present: Carol Snow.

OTHERS PRESENT: The meeting was available on and recorded through a Zoom online webinar.

1. Chairman Thomas Boyle called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m
2. Carol Snow shared that Town Planner Erin Mannix is moving SHPO grant application along for First Selectwoman Peggy Lyons's signature so the application can be submitted to SHPO. She will check with Erin to ask when the grant will be submitted. Denny Van Liew shared that the Madison Historical Society has \$4,500 for the project set aside in its 2022 budget.
3. Tom Boyle reached out to contractor James Sexton to informally let him know he is our first choice for the Study Report consultant so he can set aside time for the project. James was happy to learn this.
4. Tom Boyle reported that within the proposed 52 properties, there are 17 new owners. He wants to add a note to the letters for new owners. Timing discussed that we should wait until SHPO funding is known, as recommended by Eric Berg, unless the grant process drags into spring, at which point we may want to start contacting owners as the weather improves. Conversation to be continued at next meeting.
5. Tom Boyle said we still need contact info for many owners, a task to be shared among committee members.
6. Tom Boyle has shared the updated 1-13-2022 Excel spreadsheet list of properties and the 1-14-2022 current map, which are to be used instead of any older versions.

Other business:

Eric Berg suggested we find out how many properties in Guilford are in historic districts to use for sharing info with owners.

Denny Van Liew offered to share info they collected for the Liberty Street Historic District from SHPO and national studies that demonstrate positive effect of historic districts on property values, more info to be shared with owners. He described how they targeted different owners by sharing appropriate info with them. Denny also noted that Historic Districts can be expanded in the future.

Tom Boyle moved to adjourn, seconded by Susan Cartledge, meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Carole Snow, Alternate