

Minutes

Longmeadow Historical Commission Meeting Thursday, May 16, 2019 7:00 pm, in the Meeting Room at The Police Station

Meeting called to order at 7:08 pm.

In attendance: Maggy Cohn, Beth Hoff, Tim Casey, Dave Marinelli, and Steve Weiss.

Minutes from April 25, 2019, were approved.

Old Business

The Barns of Longmeadow – Beth will fix the formatting errors and then send the revised list to Dave for uploading to the Town web site.

North Longmeadow Street Intersection Improvements – we need to remind Andrew Krar to advise us when the public hearing regarding this project will be. Further discussion suggested we invite Stephen Crane to our next meeting to advise on what other projects may be coming down the road that we may want to comment on.

Old Train Station – delays in the work on the DPW's new location have impacted the availability of their current location for study. Steve will follow up on their progress.

Town Meeting Items of Interest:

Building Demolition Delay – Language – Passed

Historical Commission/Historical District Commission – Bylaws – Passed

Community Preservation Commission – LHC application - Passed

Report from the Historical Society – Beth reported that there will be 45 Community Booths at Long Meddowe Days, the Storrs House will be open during the Summer, check the web site for particulars, Ghosts in the Graveyard will be on October 19 this year, Dennis Picard will be doing another 'Treasures in the Attic' this Fall, a new project is being started which consists of putting the 1900 Census data into a sortable Excel Table and can then be compared to the 1901 and 1905 street maps.

The Historical Society is always looking for suggestions for speakers and topics.

Massachusetts Historical Commission – Survey and Planning Grant application Response – Maggy will be attending the first meeting of Local Project Coordinators on May 29 in Boston. Beth will be finalizing the list of properties we want surveyed.

Colony 'Acres' Trees vs. Sidewalks – Dave will be meeting with Town Counsel regarding easements.

Records Storage at Storrs House – Beth will be determining some work dates.

New Business

Tim suggested we think about how we/the Town can store historical architectural artifacts and/or materials retrieved from remodeled and/or demolished buildings which can be reused when other properties need to be worked on.

Tim will take Beth's place on the Building Demolition Delay Committee. Contact Debbie House and Kathy Ingraham to determine if he needs to be 'sworn in'.

Beth Hoff and Barbara Fitzgerald will not be reapplying for their positions for 'next year'.

Dave mentioned that there are Municipal Vulnerability Grants coming from the state to help communities develop resilience to the effects of climate change.

The mission of the Longmeadow Historical Commission is to identify, preserve and educate the Town about its unique heritage.

Our next Meeting will be June 20, 2019.

We adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Cohn, Chair
Longmeadow Historical Commission