

# Minutes

## Longmeadow Historical Commission Meeting Thursday, June 20, 2019

7:00 pm, in the Dining Room at Greenwood Adult Center

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm.

In attendance: Maggy Cohn, Beth Hoff, Dave Marinelli, Steve Weiss, and guest Stephen Crane  
Minutes from May 16, 2019, were approved.

### Old Business

The Barns of Longmeadow – all done for now.

North Longmeadow Street Intersection Improvements – Stephen Crane updated us regarding this project; granite curbs are planned, there will be some widening of the road, sidewalks will be moved, we should pay attention to which trees are being taken down. See notes regarding tree issues in Colony Acres.

Old Train Station – per Stephen C., some activity has been taking place. Steve W. should follow up with Mario.

Report from the Historical Society – Beth reported that; Ghosts in the Graveyard will be on October 19 this year, Dennis Picard will be doing another ‘Treasures in the Attic’ November 20. Beth has completed putting the 1900 Census data into a sortable Excel Table and she has compared it to the 1901 and 1905 street maps. Beth found 5 properties that were not built before 1901 so she proposed we remove them from our list. We voted and approved the removal of these properties from the List of Pre-1901 Structures.

Massachusetts Historical Commission – Survey and Planning Grant application Response – Maggy attended the first meeting of Local Project Coordinators on May 29 in Boston. The first order of business is to create an RFQ and have the town sign a contract with MHC. Beth will be finalizing the list of properties we want surveyed over the summer.

Colony ‘Acres’ Trees vs. Sidewalks – Dave has been in touch with many homeowners about their trees and the work being done on the streets. A new concern regarding the health of some of the trees is the effect of winter street salting on trees that are close to the curbs. Because the Town sometimes salts the streets before a storm, this salt gets thrown up onto the lawns and tree bases during subsequent plowing. While there are some trees that are salt resistant, most are not. This is also a matter we should keep in mind while monitoring the North Longmeadow Street Project.

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

### New Business

We said good-bye to Stephen Crane, Beth Hoff and Barbara Fitzgerald.  
Our next Meeting will be September 19, 2019.

We adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Margaret Cohn, Chair  
Longmeadow Historical Commission

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