

Minutes – Longmeadow Historical Commission  
Thursday, November 15, 2007

The Longmeadow Historical Commission met on Thursday, Nov. 15, 2007 at 7:30 P.M. at the Fire Station. Present were: Brewster Sturtevant, Betsy Port, Milton Reach, Susan Hall and Beth Hoff.

Old Business:

The meeting began with follow-up from the October meeting and continued review of proposed projects from the May collaborative meeting.

- Crystal Diamond has volunteered to represent the HDC on the Historic Preservation Awards sub-committee. The Committee is now complete with Crawford Lincoln representing the LHS and Milton Reach the HC.
- The Longmeadow News printed a great article about Longmeadow's 224<sup>th</sup> anniversary of incorporation and plans for town-wide recognition of the 225<sup>th</sup>. So far the committee to organize this consists of Linda Abrams, Nancy Marshall and Crawford Lincoln from the LHS, Brewster Sturtevant and Susan Hall from the HC and Diane Fisher from the community. Milton will contact Crawford to see if he wishes to be chair. Susan will schedule an initial committee meeting for January 2008.
- Betsy reported that she met with Linda Abrams and discussed the Emerson photo collection book project and getting access to the Storrs House. A CPA application to fund this project is in the works, thanks to Beth and Betsy. We also discussed working with the Society to write a CPA application to scan all the glass plate negatives to preserve them. Milton will speak to Crawford about how we can move the book project forward.
- Betsy will save the new brochure about the 3 historic groups in pdf format and send it out to Milton, Beth and Susan.
- The Historic Longmeadow shelf of resource books is now in place at Storrs Library, thanks to Milton and John Robbins of the HDC. Titles were recommended by Greg Farmer and purchased with HDC funds. Milton and John will work together to add new books for FY08. Milton will forward a list of the books to Beth for inclusion on our Webpage and to Susan to write a press release.
- Susan will schedule the next collaborative meeting of the 3 historic groups for January 17, 2008 at the Fire House. Agenda will include discussion about various approaches we might utilize to ensure protection for historic Longmeadow Street and other neighborhoods such as South Park, Glen Arden and Colony Hills. Susan will ask Walter Gunn to attend and to make a short presentation about conservation easements, preservation deed restrictions and possibilities for tax abatement.

New Business:

- Susan reported that she would contact Katherine Ingram, Town Clerk, to suggest that she consider writing a CPA funding application for a needs assessment study to determine preservation needs for historical records currently stored in the basement of town hall. These probably include voting records, census records, meeting minutes and other official records that are now at risk for flood, fire or other damage.
- Beth reported that she continues to work on keeping our HC webpage current. She distributed a draft section about the roles of the three historic groups from the new brochure. There will also be a link to the full text of the brochure. We reviewed the webpage as it now appears and made suggestions for corrections and additions. Beth will work with Web Master to create a direct Historic Longmeadow link that will link back and forth to the HDC, LHS and HC pages. The Commission thanked Beth for her hard work on this fabulous resource.
- Susan will reschedule the December meeting from the 20<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:02 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Hall