

## Minutes – Longmeadow Historical Commission Thursday, June 15, 2006

The Longmeadow Historical Commission met on Thursday, June 15, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Longmeadow Community House. Present were: Chris Hall, Susan Hall, Beth Hoff and Brewster Sturtevant. Also present was Paul Grunthalt, 80 Bliss Road.

Chair Chris Hall welcomed Mr. Grunthalt and invited him to add his thoughts and ideas to our discussion at any time during the meeting.

### Old Business:

- ❖ Betsy Port called in an update on the Demolition Delay Bylaw. A review of the videotape of Town Meeting confirmed the Historical Commission's belief that the amendment passed creating a special building demolition committee to be created to consider requests for demolition. The Bylaw must now be sent to the Attorney General for approval.
- ❖ As discussed at our May meeting, there is a need to develop a demolition permit. Betsy Port has volunteered to research permits used by other communities.
- ❖ The Commission agreed that we should begin the work of developing specific guidelines to be used in the decision making process when a request for demolition is filed. Susan and Chris Hall have volunteered to collect information from other towns about their processes.
- ❖ The Assessor's Office has not yet corrected dates on its website. Beth Hoff volunteered to post a list of building dates for all properties potentially affected by the Demo. Delay bylaw on the Historical Commission page of the town website. Susan has researched dates that were unclear and has confirmed correct dates using two or more sources. She will forward this information to Beth.
- ❖ The hearing concerning possible development of the Knox house property has been delayed until summer. Betsy Port will advise the Commission of the exact date when it is available.
- ❖ Susan read the letter written to the firm of Martinelli, Discenza and Hannifan at the direction of the Historical Commission, requesting that they change their signage to make it consistent with the other signs on the building. There as been no reply to date.

### New Business:

- ❖ Discussion took place about the Community Preservation Act and the role the Historical Commission should have in its implementation. Specifically there should be Commission representation in the group that will determine how the funds for historic preservation should be spent. Susan will contact Robin Crosbie.
- ❖ Beth Hoff volunteered to post minutes of our meetings on our page of the town website. Commission agreed this forwards our effort to educate the public about

matters of historical importance and unanimously passed a motion allowing Beth to do this.

- ❖ Discussion took place about the convenience of deciding upon a consistent meeting date each month. It was proposed that we poll our members to get consensus about the first, third or fourth Thursday of each month. Susan volunteered to do this.

Next meeting will be Thursday, July 20 at 7:00 p.m. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Hall