

Longmeadow Historical Commission Minutes

July 18, 2011

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

The Longmeadow Historical Commission met on Monday, July 18, 2011 at the Longmeadow Fire Station. Present were: Beth Hoff, Susan Hall, Andrew Lam, Tim McKenna, Yem Lip and Michelle Steger. President Beth Hoff convened the meeting at 7:34 P.M.

1. Minutes from previous meeting

Motions were made to approve the minutes from the Historical Commission meeting held on July 7, 2011. The minutes were unanimously approved.

2. Old Business

a. Demolition Delay Committee

Beth Hoff, Steve Weiss and Susan Hall will attend a meeting with Robin Crosbie on Friday, July 22 at 3:00pm.

b. Longmeadow Street Rehabilitation Project

Mr. Lip, Longmeadow Town Engineer, came to the meeting to address concerns that were posed at the Historical Commission meeting on 7/7. Mr. Lip stated that they will plant ground cover with native plants between the guardrail and Reno mattress in order to restore a natural appearance when viewed from the street. Additionally, Mr. Lip stated that a steel-backed wood faced guardrail will be installed that will resemble the existing guardrail that is going to be removed. As a result of the clarifications, the Historical Commission decided that this project poses no adverse impact to the Historic District and unanimously approved the plans.

c. Gravestone Cleaning Workshop

A gravestone cleaning workshop was held on Wednesday, July 13th at the Longmeadow Cemetery. An expert in gravestone restoration taught volunteers how to safely use D2 to clean lichen from the gravestones. The event was a success and more events like this will most likely be held in the future in order to preserve the historic gravestones in the cemetery.

3. New Business

a. Pride Station Renovations

The Historical Commission will write a letter to those involved with the Pride Station renovations asking them to contemplate the use of historically sympathetic materials as they formulate their plans for the renovation. It will also be stated in the letter that we would like to reserve the right to review the plans as the project progresses to the next phase.

b. Other New Business

Records dating from the 1700's have been discovered at Town Hall. Every member of the Historical Commission expressed a desire to review these documents to decide the best way to preserve them. Beth will be getting in touch with Select Board member Marie Angelides and will schedule a time for members of the HC to review the documents.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Steger

Secretary

