

Longmeadow Historical Commission Minutes

January 20, 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 Thursday, January 20, 2011 at the home of Chris and Susan Hall. Present were: Susan Hall, Chris Hall, Beth Hoff, Andrew Lam, Steve Weiss and Michelle Steger. President Beth Hoff convened the meeting at 8:10 P.M. and mentioned that due to the fact that we were unable to meet publically at the Fire Station this would be an informal, not a legal, meeting. No votes were taken.

1. Minutes from December 16, 2010 Meeting

The minutes from this meeting were unofficially approved. An official vote will be taken at the next HC meeting on February 17, 2011.

2. Old Business

a. Expansion of the Historic District

The informational session for homeowners who are interested in becoming part of the Historic District has been rescheduled for Tuesday, April 12, 2011. The meeting was originally scheduled to take place on January 12th but was cancelled due to the snowstorm.

b. Community Preservation Act projects

Steve Weiss said that five CPA applications were submitted this year. One is an application to preserve records that are currently being held in the basement at Town Hall. The records will be put on microfiche, and Susan mentioned that microfiche could then be digitized and put on the Internet to make the information more accessible for researchers and the general public. Other applications

include: an architectural study of potential uses for the Community House, window replacement at Town Hall and replacing doors on the Community House.

c. Demolition Delay Committee

Steve said he had no new information to report.

3. New Business

a. Historic District Commission Membership

The Historic District Commission will most likely need two more members who live in the Historic District to be on the commission as it appears that Karen Lazeration will be stepping down from the HDC and there are currently no other members on the commission that live in the Historic District. Susan mentioned that she may reach out to some people living in the District to see if they may be interested in joining the HDC.

b. Other New Business

Chris handed out some information about an Accessory Apartment bylaw which would allow the creation of accessory apartments of up to 800 square feet in family residences in residential districts and said that the Select Board is considering this for Longmeadow. He added that we should begin thinking about the pros and cons of this bylaw.

4. The next meeting date will be Thursday, February 17, 2011 at the Fire Station.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Steger

Secretary