

Longmeadow Historical Commission

Minutes - December 16, 2010

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, December 16, 2010 at the Community House. Present were: Susan Hall, Chris Hall, Beth Hoff, Andrew Lam, Steve Weiss and Michelle Steger. President Beth Hoff convened the meeting at 7:33 P.M.

1. Minutes from November 18, 2010 Meeting

Motions were made to approve the minutes from the Historical Commission meeting held on November 18th. The minutes were unanimously approved.

2. Old Business

a. Expansion of the Historic District

Susan Hall, Andrew Lam and Denise Collins have made personal phone calls to each of the homeowners who are eligible to become part of the Historic District to let them know their building is eligible for inclusion, what that entails, and to let them know that there will be an informational session on January 12 at 7:00 P.M. at the Fire Station for all interested homeowners. Andrew and Susan reported that none of the homeowners have opposed the idea of joining the Historic District and several people have expressed an interest in joining. Andrew said that five of the homeowners he spoke with are planning to attend the meeting on January 12. Andrew also sent out an email to members of the Historic District Commission asking them to attend the informational session to answer any logistical questions that could

arise and added that he would call Karen Lazeration, Chair Person of the Historic District Commission, and ask her to attend the meeting as it would be especially helpful to have her in attendance. Michelle said that she would contact Stephen Frantz and Heidi Shea of the Colony Hills neighborhood association and invite them to attend the informational session as well, in order to answer questions and provide insights.

b. Community Preservation Act projects

Beth asked if the HDC had taken any action to review C.P.C projects to make sure the proper guidelines are being followed before any changes or improvements begin. Michelle, who is a member of the HDC, said that no action has been taken yet. A discussion followed about the best way to go about making sure C.P.C funds aren't distributed until the HDC has approved a project, but no solutions were reached. It was suggested that the C.P.C. should encourage signage such as "your CPA dollars at work" be placed at work sites where CPA funding is being spent.

c. Demolition Delay Committee

Steve said there was nothing new to report, but action will be taken after the first of the year to make an appointment to meet with Town Manager Robin Crosbie.

d. Assessor's Database Corrections

Beth and Susan said they would speak to Robin Crosbie about this when they meet with her.

3. New Business

a. Conflict of Interest Summary

Beth distributed the summary to members of the HC and asked that we review it at our convenience.

b. Other New Business

Chris mentioned the possibility of the HC sending a letter to the people responsible for restoring the Old Town Hall commending them for performing a historically sensitive restoration.

4. The next meeting dates will be January 20 and February 17, 2011 at the Fire Station.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Steger

Secretary