

Minutes
Longmeadow Historical Commission Meeting
Thursday, February 13, 2020
7:30 pm, at the Fire Station Meeting Room

Meeting called to order at 7:31 pm. In attendance: Maggy Cohn, Dave Marinelli, Steve Weiss, Tim Casey, and Jeff Spear Minutes from January 2020, were approved.

Old Business

North Longmeadow Street Intersection Improvements – according to Dave, who spoke with the architects, no public hearing is scheduled yet. When it does occur, the design will be at the 25% level.

Old Train Station –per Tim, the Big E Sales team is very interested. The Big E ‘President’ still needs to weigh in on the project. Steve is to send copies of relevant documents to Dave and Tim.

Massachusetts Historical Commission, Survey of Pre-1901 Structures –Heritage Consultants completed Phase 2 on time and on budget and submitted a fascinating story for each of the sample surveys they completed.

Modifications to Demolition Delay By-laws –The Demolition Delay Committee will review the changes in March. At this time it looks like they will end up on the warrant for the Fall Town Meeting.

McKee Presentation About LIDAR – the McKee’s are talking with the Cemetery Society who will spearhead the discussions about respectful physical research of the unmarked graves. There seems to be a large number of interested parties who wish to be included in the conversations.

Nomination of Brewer Young Mansion for 2020 MHC Preservation Award – I read the letter I submitted to Sandy Krein, supporting her nomination of the Mansion for this award.

New Business

The Mail Box: The Pioneer Valley Planning Commission sent us a letter announcing an offer of their services for ‘specialized historic preservation planning support’ at various time and fee levels.

We received a postcard from a remodeling firm who specializes in historic preservation; I gave it to Tim for referral to the Historic District Commission.

I read our entry I submitted to the Annual Town Report.

While conducting research for her presentation on the 18th about the Census’ results for Longmeadow over the centuries, Beth Hoff has subsequently begun investigating ‘Matthew’s Swamp’ which was the location of the local pest house. She has asked that we ask Heritage Consulting to keep an eye out for any references to this entity during their research. And, Note: Hampden County used to be part of Hampshire County until the early 1800’s.

Steve reported that Michael Smith has applied to join our Commission

Our next Meeting will be March 19, 2020, at 7:30 pm. Dave will reserve our space. We adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Cohn, Chair
Longmeadow Historical Commission

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