

Meeting Minutes  
Longmeadow Historical Commission  
Thursday, February 17, 2022

The Longmeadow Historical Commission met on February 17, 2022 at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

Present from the HC were: Tim Casey, Maggy Cohn, Dave Marinelli, Steve Weiss, and Bret Lukezic. Absent were Jerrold Duquette and Tom King. Also present was Stephanie Cummings.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM

The minutes from the January 20, 2022 meeting were unanimously approved with minor alterations for grammar.

1. Old Business

a. North Longmeadow Street Intersection Improvements

i. No update

b. Pre-1901 Survey by Heritage Consulting

i. Storage Location for Surveys

1. Surveys were delivered to town hall yesterday with the final report. There were two CDs ; one containing the report, and the other containing the surveys and the pictures. The HC will need to make a copy of the CDs for the Historical Society. The Historical Society will print off paper copies of the documents and pictures for the Storrs' vault. Phase 4 review has yet to be scheduled since MHC has not received their copy of the information. This will allow us the opportunity to correct the misinformation about 2 Ardsley Road.

ii. New Survey for Additional Properties

1. The CPC voted to advance the HC's request for funding to do additional historical surveys. The request will now be put on the warrant for town meeting in May.,

iii. Motion to alter the pre-1901 properties list

1. The HC voted unanimously to alter the pre-1901 buildings list based on research conducted by Heritage Consulting, the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, and the Massachusetts Historical Commission as follows:

a. Add:

- i. 2 Ardsley Road
  - b. Remove:
    - i. 90 Birchwood Ave.
    - ii. 29 Crescent Road
    - iii. 67 Elmwood Ave.
    - iv. 87 Ely Road Barn (Demolished)
    - v. 30 Fairview Street
    - vi. 67 Ferncroft Street
    - vii. 23 Fernleaf Ave.
    - viii. 43 Forest Glenn Road
    - ix. 68 Hopkins Place
    - x. 91 Hopkins Place
    - xi. 107 Hopkins Place
    - xii. 38 Lawnwood Avenue
    - xiii. 132 Lawnwood Avenue
    - xiv. 79 Maple Road
    - xv. 51 Meadow Road
    - xvi. 67 Meadow Road
    - xvii. 21 Villa Street
    - xviii. 29 Warren Terrace
    - xix. 75 Warren Terrace
    - xx. 585 Longmeadow Street (Barn Only)
  - 2. Tim said he would put in a ticket to alter the list for the website, inform the assessors of the corrected build dates, and notify the building demolition committee.
- c. The Old Town Hall on Longmeadow Street
  - i. The CPC advanced the Building Committee's request for \$10,000 for an architectural study. Maggy said she spoke with the town manager and was informed that Parks and Recreation is using the building and Maggy thought it might be a good spot for the senior center thrift shop. Tim stated that he thought that creating an on-going, long term use for the building would support preserving the building should be included as part of the Plan for Historic Preservation.
- d. Historical Society
  - i. No update.
- e. 1607 Longmeadow Street
  - i. This item will be removed from the agenda as the house has been sold and is being renovated.
- f. Eversource
  - i. Tim proposed reviving the idea that was recommended in the 1988 Plan for Historic Preservation of the creation of a National Register Historic District that would include Williams Street from the Fire Station to the corner of Williams and Shaker Road, all of Parkside Drive, and Shaker Road from the corner of Williams Street and

Shaker Road all the way to the corner of Shaker Road and Hazardville Road as a means of the HC asserting more control over the proposed creation of a gas pipeline in the area. He expressed concerns about having a high pressure gas pipeline near so many historic buildings. While the HC did not necessarily agree if there should be a pipeline or not in town, they did agree that a pipeline in its current proposed location would be less preferable to a pipeline that ran through an uninhabited area of town.

- g. Updated Historic Preservation Plan
    - i. No update as Tom King was unable to make the meeting.
  - h. Certified Local Government
    - i. Tim reported that Tom had presented the idea of Longmeadow becoming a CLG to the Historic District Commission who approved of the idea. Tim stated that the next step would be for members of both Commissions to get their resumes to either Tim or Tom by March 15th so that Tom could proceed with the next phase of the application process on both Commissions behalf.
  - i. South Longmeadow Street National Historic District
    - i. per Tim, the 1988 Surveys of properties on Longmeadow Street were not very comprehensive. When North Longmeadow Street was proposed as a National Registered Historic District those properties were resurveyed along with a few on South Longmeadow Street. The new survey work required to pursue a new Historic District would require more survey work than we are prepared to take on at this time. We will shelve this project until some future time.
2. New Business
- a. Mailbox
    - i. There was no mail this month.
  - b. Annual Report
    - i. Maggy noted that she had submitted it on the behalf of the HC.
  - c. CPC Deadline Change
    - i. Steve informed the HC that the CPC had decided to move the deadline for its application process from the first week of December to November 1st for this year and the foreseeable future.
  - d. Maggie stated that she had read some interesting threads on the Preservation Massachusetts website that talked about state historic preservation funding for churches. She stated that many posters felt that as long as the part of the structure being preserved was not used directly for a religious function, it could receive local or state funding. Steve stated that the 3 part test outlined by the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court

decision in the *Acton* case made it very hard for funding to be considered constitutional. He further stated that it was highly unlikely that the CPC would grant funding to a religious institution for historic preservation.

- e. Next Meeting March 17, 2022 via Zoom.
3. The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 P.M.