

**Minutes**  
**Longmeadow Historical Commission Meeting**  
**Thursday, March 11, 2021**  
**7:00 pm, via ZOOM**

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm. In attendance: Maggy Cohn, Dave Marinelli, Mike Smith, and Tim Casey. In addition, one guest, Tom King.

Minutes from February 18, 2021, were approved.

**Old Business**

North Longmeadow Street Intersection Improvements – Dave received an acknowledgement email from the MassDOT Project Manager Aleksey Belov that his and Tim’s comments had been received.

Massachusetts Historical Commission, Survey of Pre-1901 Structures – we have received 40 reports from Heritage into Dropbox. Maggy forwarded the link to the rest of our group, including Beth Hoff for review. Beth and Dave sent Maggy further information about the house at 2 Ardsley Road which she forwarded to Stacey V. Per Tim, while the online information about the various houses is good, there may be a small amount of additional material at Storrs House which could be used also. During her conversation with Maggy, Stacey recommended changing the date we are using (1901) to something in the ‘20’s. Per Tim the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission recommends a 100 year rolling date. Tim talked about ‘tagging’ the post 1901 homes with survey information. Dave made the point that we cannot save everything; that we need to prioritize the most significant properties. Discussion about this will continue.

The Old Town Hall on Longmeadow Street – we need to contact Marybeth to reschedule the ‘tour’. A question was raised, could this structure be reconfigured as a residence? Perhaps even qualify for Habitat for Humanity? In any case, necessary work may qualify for CPC funds.

260-280 Longmeadow Street – no news

The Historical Society – Al and Betsy McKee are presenting their discoveries about the Graveyard on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

New Members – always seeking. Tom King has submitted his application and had his interview with the Select Board!

1607 Longmeadow Street – This property has been taken off the market for the time being.

**New Business**

The Mail Box: we received a Section 106 review request from Pare Corporation for a Safe Routes to School project involving some street crossing modifications on Bliss Road and Blueberry Hill Road as the route to Blueberry Hill Elementary School. Maggy gave the packet to Dave who scanned the information and sent it out to the other Commissioners for review. We determined that there are no structures of historical significance being affected by the project. We do appreciate being consulted. There is some concern about the effect of the repair of some sections of the sidewalk on a couple of trees on the south side of Bliss and east of Grassy Gutter Road. Dave has sent an email to Timothy Keane (Town Engineer) about this. The treescape of Longmeadow is one of our important qualities and needs to be considered and maintained during any project impinging upon their habitat.

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

Other New Business: Mario Mazza is resigning and taking a new position in Agawam.

Our Next Meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2021  
Meeting Adjourned at 7:56pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Margaret Cohn, Chair  
Longmeadow Historical Commission