

**Minutes**  
**Longmeadow Historical Commission Meeting**  
**Thursday, June 18, 2020**  
**7:00 pm, via ZOOM**

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm. In attendance: Maggy Cohn, Dave Marinelli, Steve Weiss, Tim Casey, and Michael Smith ..... Minutes from February 2020, were approved.

Note: there were no meetings of the Historical Commission in the months of March, April, or May due to the restrictions on public gatherings as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Old Business**

North Longmeadow Street Intersection Improvements – according to Dave, Mario (Mazza) has not indicated he wants to let us know anything right now. Dave will check with Fuss and O’Neill (the engineering firm) to see if they know about the public hearing.

Old Train Station –per Tim, the Big E team and the Amherst Railroad Club both said it appears that renovation of the building would be too expensive to pursue. Therefore, it looks like the DPW will pull a demolition permit sometime next year. The Demolition Delay Committee wishes to use this event as a test case for the new wording of the Demolition Delay bylaws. See below.

Massachusetts Historical Commission, Survey of Pre-1901 Structures –Heritage Consultants was not able to do much field work due to the quarantines in place in both Connecticut and Massachusetts.

Modifications to Demolition Delay By-laws –The Demolition Delay Committee, at their March meeting, had an extensive discussion about the disposal of materials requirement being proposed in the revised by-laws. This led to a suggestion of getting bids for both deconstruction and demolition in an attempt to salvage whatever was possible. This could be limited by or limit the accidental exposure to asbestos and/or lead dispersal. Therefore, the revisions to the by-law will not come to a vote until the Spring ’21 Town Meeting.

Nomination of Brewer Young Mansion for 2020 MHC Preservation Award – we have not heard from MHC yet.

**New Business**

The Tree at Greenwood – the Tree had to be taken down due to its failure to thrive after the work that was done around it.

Suggestions From Mary Beth Bergeron – 1) the Johnny Appleseed House on Fairfield Terrace. Mary Beth suggested it might be in the Town’s interest to purchase and move the house to a more accessible location (like the land behind the Library) and make it into a museum. We looked at the house via Google (thank you Dave) and discussed that even though there is no exterior evidence of an older structure, there may be interior materials that support its identity. It is listed on our Pre-1901 Inventory and in a Census. We agreed that while this is an interesting idea, it is a bigger project than we are capable of pursuing at this time. 2) The Old Town Hall on Longmeadow Street. Mary Beth reported that there are structural issues with the building; specifically the crawl space under the building has allowed termites and moisture to reach the sill plates and the wooden floors. In addition, the building is not ADA compliant, may contain lead paint and asbestos which are a hazard to visiting school children. The parking lot is in bad condition and, in fact, does not belong to the Town. We

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discussed that Mary Beth should pursue this with Mario Mazza. Also, CPC funds could be available for some or all of the work if so determined by completing an application.

The Mail Box: no mail.

Any Other New Business: as usual, we will not be meeting during the summer months (July and August) unless something urgent comes up.

Our Next Meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2020

Meeting Adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Margaret Cohn, Chair  
Longmeadow Historical Commission