

Minutes
Longmeadow Historical Commission Meeting
Thursday, September 24, 2020
7:00 pm, via ZOOM

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm. In attendance: Maggy Cohn, Dave Marinelli, Steve Weiss, Tim Casey, and Michael Smith Minutes from June 2020, were approved.

Old Business

North Longmeadow Street Intersection Improvements – according to Dave, the state requested that the engineering firm re-review the plans, make some requested changes, and resubmit back to the state. No word on when a public hearing is to be scheduled.

Massachusetts Historical Commission, Survey of Pre-1901 Structures –Heritage Consultants submitted and I approved, their invoice for \$3,000 for the completed (as of February 2020) Phase II work. MHC has extended the deadline for completion of the project to September, 2021. Tim volunteered that if Heritage needs to get into Storrs House for research, he can let them in. Also, he can use volunteer hours from his work when necessary.

Nomination of Brewer Young Mansion for 2020 MHC Preservation Award – the Mansion won the 2020 Paul and Niki Tsongas Award!

The Old Town Hall on Longmeadow Street – call Marybeth Bergeron for an update.

New Business

260-280 Longmeadow Street – 260 Longmeadow Street has been sold for approximately \$435,000 to someone by the name of Blackmer. Tim also volunteered that a famous artist used to live there and her heirs donated her work to the Library and the Historical Society. Steve will check with Suzanne White on the status of 280.

The Historical Society has schedule several events to be presented in collaboration with the Library:

- . Longmeadow and the Suffrage Movement – October 21,
- . The History of Radio – November 9,
- . Entangled Lives: Women and Work in the Connecticut Valley, 1770-1820 – December 9,
- . Finding Slavery in New England – December 16,

Other lectures are planned but have not been confirmed. Register to attend these ZOOM events on the Library web site. All are Free.

Historic Longmeadow in the Longmeadow Public Schools Curriculum – people have been interested in supporting more Longmeadow history be included in the curriculum in our schools. Due to the pandemic conditions to be navigated as schools open this Fall, we are holding off on approaching the schools until things become a little more manageable.

The Mail Box: no mail.

Any Other New Business:

Per Steve, the CPC will be accepting applications for grants from now until December.

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

Also from Steve – his neighbor is Stefan Platzer who had organized a cross-Atlantic trip in 1982 on a hand crafted schooner from Cape Verde to Gloucester. The ship was constructed and sailed in the manner of the Mayflower. (Everybody has a Sunfish story.)

Our Next Meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2020

Meeting Adjourned at 7:39pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Cohn, Chair
Longmeadow Historical Commission