

Minutes
Longmeadow Historical Commission Meeting
Thursday, October 15, 2020
7:00 pm, via ZOOM

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm. In attendance: Maggy Cohn, Dave Marinelli, Steve Weiss, Tim Casey, and Michael Smith Minutes from September 24, 2020, were approved.

Old Business

North Longmeadow Street Intersection Improvements – no further information.

Massachusetts Historical Commission, Survey of Pre-1901 Structures –Heritage Consultants signed on October 7, and Lyn Simmons signed on October 8, the change document stipulating May 1, 2021, as the new completion date for the project. The dollar amount remains the same.

The Old Town Hall on Longmeadow Street –Marybeth Bergeron sent us two documents about the conditions at the building. She has offered to arrange a tour for us. Dave would like to join me. Per Tim, the side building is owned by Chris and Craig Carr.

260-280 Longmeadow Street –per Steve, 280 Longmeadow Street is still on the market.

Historic Longmeadow in the Longmeadow Public Schools Curriculum – Tim has been getting feedback from teachers' doing the hybrid model of teaching and the overwhelming opinion is that it is enormously difficult, leaving no time or energy for including more topics in the curriculum. In addition, there are many technological issues that eat up a lot of time to coordinate and resolve. However, he did get information about a program where High School Juniors and Seniors create programs for 3rd Graders for credit. This might be a venue for local history since that is when it is introduced to students in our schools.

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

- . 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.

New Business

Community Preservation committee – per Steve, applications for grants are due December 2. The applications have been revised to include a question about whether or not an applicant has made any inquiries with someone on a Town committee or organization prior to applying for a grant.

The Mail Box: no mail.

Any Other New Business- Per Mike, 1607 Longmeadow Street is for sale. It is on our Town List of Pre-1901 Houses. We looked it up on Google Maps (thanks Dave!) and dug around in the Real Estate listing. The bank which owns it now is requiring a \$203K Rehabilitation Loan on the sale. Please be aware if a demolition permit is pulled on this property.

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

We are down 2 members to our Commission so please start asking around to see who might be interested in joining us to fulfill our important mission. I will email Lyn Simmons to request she make an announcement about our vacancies at the next Select Board Meeting.

Our Next Meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2020

Meeting Adjourned at 7:53pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Cohn, Chair
Longmeadow Historical Commission