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Longmeadow Historical Commission Meeting
Thursday, January 18, 2018
7:00 pm, in the Longmeadow Public Library

Attendees: Maggy Cohn, Steve Weiss, Barbara Fitzgerald, Dave Marinelli and Beth Hoff

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Minutes from December meeting approved.

Old Business

Brewer –Young House

Beth, Maggy and Steve went to the public meeting held last night, January 17. The Planning Board voted 3-1 to endorse the request to rezone the property from residential to professional.

Demolition Delay Committee – letter

Annual meeting scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on February 7th at the fire station meeting room.

We have a budget of \$50.00 to cover costs of mailing the letter about homes of historic significance to homeowners. The estimate for the number of letters to be sent is 220.

Old Train Station - Amherst

Tim Casey toured the old train station. The Amherst Railroad Society had to reschedule their tour of the building.

Collaboration with East Longmeadow – 125 years since our split

No Progress to report.

Community Preservation Commission – status of applications

On schedule, next meeting is on January 24th. Decisions on applications will be made at this meeting.

Records Management – responsibilities and practices

Steve is going to ask Marie about responsibilities and practices concerning records management.

New Business

Response to Hayes letter

Beth consulted Chris Skelley, Massachusetts Historical Commission. He advised that to remove a property from the Historic District the same process must be followed that resulted in a property being added to the Historic District. Maggy and Beth responded to the Hayes request for information about the historic district.

Maggy responded to Mr. and Mrs. Hayes twice. In her email dated 12/3/2017, cc'd to Beth and Steve; she stated that since withdrawal from the Historic District had never been done before, she suggested they contact the Historic District Commission/Sandra Krein. As the inclusion into the District required a Town Meeting, leaving it would probably require the same.

In her email dated 12/11 which included a zip drive with accumulated notes from Beth's files, Maggy also stated that Beth had been in contact with Chris Skelly of the Massachusetts Historical commission regarding procedures to reduce the historic district. He confirmed it must be done through the Historic District Commission and would require a zoning change and a subsequent Town Meeting.

Tom Higgins and his book about Longmeadow

Galleys are now available. Publication date is June but he is trying to get it pushed up to coincide with Longmeadowe Days in May.

Annual Town Report

Ideas for inclusion - endorsed the BY plan, updated areas of historic significance, letter to homeowners, presentations to planning and selectboard.

Deadline is Feb. 12.

Any other New Business

Update list and send to Massachusetts Historical Commission

Next Meeting - Thursday, February 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

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