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Longmeadow Historical Commission Meeting
Thursday, March 15, 2018
7:00 pm, in the Longmeadow Public Library

In Attendance: Maggy Cohn, Barbara Fitzgerald, Tim Casey, Dave Marinelli, Beth Hoff

Meeting called to order 7:15
Minutes from February approved

Old Business

Demolition Delay Committee – letter

Approx. 150 letters prepared by Beth Hoff and ready for review by the committee. Mechanics for mailing still under discussion with town employees.

Historical Society and Historical Commission and Donald Munson prepared a preliminary list of historic barns in an effort to date these structures. Beth has been consulting with Historic Deerfield employees and other experts in the field about dating the barns. Until we can establish better documentation to date barns in town, we will not send owners the letter indicating that the barns are significant. We will need to revise Appendix A Individual Historic Houses Built Prior to 1901 in Longmeadow, MA to reflect this. Beth will consult Greg Farmer for advise on how to proceed. Perhaps the Historical Commission could apply for a grant to get the barns surveyed. Dave agreed to review the letters after April 15.

Old Train Station - Amherst

Tim met with Amherst Railroad Society member, John Sacerdote, and Mario Mazza. The Society loves the train station and would like to help find a way to preserve and reuse it. On March 28, the Historic Commission will tour the property. After that, the Amherst Railroad Society would like to meet with the Commission to discuss possible uses for the station. This property might be appropriate for a potential project with the Big E.

Collaboration with East Longmeadow – 125 years since our split

In process. Time to start brainstorming about what we might be able to do. It is important to include the Historical Society and Storrs Library in the planning. We need to work with East Longmeadow organizations, too.

Community Preservation Commission – result of court case

The court came down with a very narrow, very specific verdict. Steve will explain the verdict more thoroughly at the next meeting.

Records Management – responsibilities and practices

Marie Angelides reported that it is the town's responsibility to maintain records. Space is an issue.

Tom Higgins and his book about Longmeadow

The publication of this book will be this summer.

New Business

Building Demolition Committee not the Demolition Delay Committee

The committee met on March 5. Michele Stieger is the new chair. March 28 meeting will be held at the DPW building.

Any other New Business - State Register of Historic Places 2017 received.

Brewer Young Mansion - keeping a record of the building renovation progress proposed. Maggy will propose this to Andrew Lam.

Sunshine week is March 11-17th. New training videos and new official notice posting locations.

2018 recognition list for Annual Town Meeting. Anyone who wants their names submitted should let Maggy know. Town Meeting is May 8th.

Next Meeting

April 19th at the Library

Adjourned 8:25 p.m.