

Longmeadow Historical Commission Meeting
Thursday, April 19, 2018 7:00 p.m.
Longmeadow Public Library

In Attendance: Maggy Cohn, Barbara Fitzgerald, Tim Casey, Dave Marinelli, Beth Hoff, Steve Weiss
Guest: Chris Orszulak

Meeting called to order 7:05 p.m.

1. Minutes from March - approved

2. Old Business

a) Building Demolition Committee – letter s to homeowners.

The letters are in the mail. Dave was instrumental in getting this done. The Commision thanks Deb House, Administrative Assistant, Town of Longmeadow, for her assistance in completing this project.

b) Old Train Station - Amherst

There appears to be enough historic elements remaining in this building to warrant trying to preserve it. The Amherst Railroad Society does not have enough money to move this building at this time. The Society would like to move this station to the Big E grounds. Tim reported that the New Haven Railroad Society might have pictures in its archives documenting what the Longmeadow Station originally looked like. A study to determine the historic significance of this building is warranted and will be done if the request is approved at the upcoming Town Meeting.

c) Collaboration with East Longmeadow – 125 years since our split

Steve spoke with Tony from the East Longmeadow Historic Commission. They are interested in cooperating with our group. Steve will reach out to Tony again. The Longmeadow Historic Society will also be contacted and invited to join in any planning.

d) Community Preservation Commission – result of court case

The result of the Acton case is that any application by a religious organization must meet stringent guidelines. Approved applications must not directly help a religious institution or indirectly help the religious organization's mission. Case was sent back to Superior Court for further review.

e) Records Management – responsibilities and practices.

Marie A. said that the Town is responsible for maintaining the records of committees once they submit them to the town. We are investigating this topic so that we can provide advice and follow up on our responsibilities.

f) Tom Higgins and his book about Longmeadow

The book will be available soon. Ideas for a release event were discussed.

3. New Business

a) Brewer Young Mansion/Planning Board

Approved 5/2018

Chris Orszulak came to discuss the site and design review application with the Commission. The application was accepted as complete by the Planning Board but it is looking for input in advance of the public hearing scheduled for May 2 at 6:00 p.m. Traffic safety, the driveway location, lighting and drainage concerns were discussed. The Commission has no objection to the application at this point. The Commission encourages consideration be given to safety and signage to protect the historic streetscape. There was a minority request to consider relocation of the driveway to the north side of the property.

b) The Barns of Longmeadow

Beth will contact Greg Farmer, a historic consultant. There are about 15 barns on the list of barns. Survey needs to be done.

c) Any other New Business

Storrs House is looking for volunteers for Long Meaddowe Days

Gala is coming up on May 11th, to promote new exhibit.

4. Next Meeting, May 24th

Meeting adjourned 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by

Barbara Fitzgerald