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Longmeadow Historical Commission Meeting Thursday, May 24, 2018 7:15 pm, in the Longmeadow Public Library

In Attendance: Maggy Cohn, Barbara Fitzgerald, Dave Marinelli, Beth Hoff
Guest: Robert Thomas

Minutes from April 19, 2018 approved

Old Business

Building Demolition Committee – letters to homeowners

St. Andrew's Church has requested that it be removed from the database of historic buildings. Beth will call the church and ask for documentation indicating when it was built. Beth has fielded several other calls.

Old Train Station - Amherst

The study passed at town meeting.

Collaboration with East Longmeadow – 125 years since our split

Beth reported that in a year the Longmeadow Historical Society would like to collaborate on an exhibit about the split.

Community Preservation Commission – Town Meeting results

Historic projects passed.

Records Management – responsibilities and practices

No update.

Tom Higgins and his book about Longmeadow

Book comes out at the end of July.

Brewer Young Mansion/Planning Board

Planning Board approved the new site plan at their last meeting. Maggy commented at the meeting especially about the permeable materials planned for the driveway.

The Barns of Longmeadow

No update.

Long Meddowe Days

Reports indicate that it was a success.

New Business

Stantac – Section 106 Review

Eversource Energy project on Wolf Swamp Rd.

The standard of review is:

Does it significantly impact historic resources in our town?

There is a 30 day window for this review.

Maggy will respond to this request for review.

The Historical Commission voted that this project will not impact the historic resources of Longmeadow.

Letter from Robert and Susan Thomas

Mr. Thomas discussed his concerns about the demolition delay's impact on a future sale of his property at 44 Birnie Road. Beth Hoff reviewed the demolition delay committee's process and also the determination of the historical significance of a building. Beth suggested that more research on Mr. Thomas' house may be needed.

Mr Thomas' question is:

Can a demolition permit be transferred from one owner to another?

Historical Commission/Historic District Commission – Bylaws

John Robbins called Beth to say that the two groups' bylaws are intermingled and need to be reviewed and reworded. Any revisions would need to be approved at the fall special town meeting. Maggy will look at this issue after June 21.

Building Demolition Delay/Historical District Commission – Bylaws: Time difference

This also came from the conversation with John Robbins. The question raised: if the BDD imposes a 9 month delay and the HDC imposes something different which one takes precedence? Beth suggested that this discrepancy might need to be reviewed by town counsel for clarification. Beth will draft an email for Maggy to send to Stephen Crane.

Any other New Business

A scholar from Arkansas will be here in July to research Stephen Williams.

A poet is working on a series of poems about Johnny Appleseed and one references Stephen Williams.

Next Meeting, June 21, 2018

Minutes of this meeting will be emailed to committee members for review.

Adjourned at 8:30