

# MINUTES

## Longmeadow Historical Commission Meeting Thursday, September 13, 2018 7:00 pm, in the Adult Center at Greenwood

In Attendance: **Maggy Cohn, Barbara Fitzgerald, Beth Hoff, Jeff Spear, Tim Casey and Steve Weiss**

Called to order at 7:00 p.m.  
Minutes from June 24, 2018 approved

### Old Business

Old Train Station – Steve followed up on this with Mario Mazza, DPW Director. Mario had a brief conversation with Hill & Associates (our on-call Architect) about conducting the study of the train station. Mario believes a winter/early spring time frame for the study was decided upon. Mario wanted to know if that time frame would work for the Historical Commission.

Collaboration with East Longmeadow – 125 years since our split  
Steve will reach out again to Tony about this. The split will be part of an upcoming Longmeadow Historical Society exhibit.

Tom Higgins and his book about Longmeadow  
There will be an author event at the library on November 27th.

The Barns of Longmeadow  
Beth will follow up on this. We need a survey of the barns so that we can date the 20 or so barns in Longmeadow. Greg Farmer is the consultant who has been recommended to help with this. Some of the barns will probably fall under the demolition delay bylaws.

Historical Commission/Historic District Commission – Bylaws: Time difference  
Historic District Commission's 12 month demolition delay takes precedence.

Historical Commission/Historic District Commission – Bylaws  
Tim reported that the conflicting bylaws have been identified and separated. The next step is for the HDC to meet to consider adopting revised bylaws. If, upon review, the HDC votes to delete the conflicting bylaws, the changes will be sent to Historical Commission to review and vote on. Then the revised bylaws must be voted on at a town meeting. The edited bylaws can then be reviewed and used as a basis for the by the Historical Commission bylaws. The next meeting of the Historic District Commission is scheduled for October 9th.

Letter from Robert and Susan Thomas – follow-up on property at 44 Birnie Road  
Tim reported that he could identify who lived at this address as far back as 1925. That is as far as he was able to get using the census. Prior to 1930 the census just records the street but

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not the street numbers. The 1910 census shows 3 families living on the street. Tim recommended that the next step is to actually go to the registry and look at the deed. (Online sources only goes back to 1951.) Steve will look for 'Title for Grantor Records' to find out how far back they go. Beth will try checking the Republican (newspaper) archives.

#### New Business

Ghosts in the Graveyard – change in design

The event will be held on Oct. 13 There will be a family friendly afternoon event for children. The night time event will be from 6-8. Tickets will be available through eventbrite.com.

Al Mckee will present a lecture on Thomas Chapman on Sept. 20th at the Adult Center. Peddler's Pack of Spooky Tales from Hill & Valley will be presented at Storrs Library on Oct. 24th at 6:30 p.m.

Fall architectural tour will be offered on Nov. 10th. Andrea Taupier will conduct the tour.

#### Trees of Longmeadow

Dave spoke about the trees in Longmeadow last night (Sept. 12, 2018) at the library. It was well attended and very interesting.

#### Any other New Business

CPC - first meeting is Sept. 27th

Deadline for applications will probably be around Dec. 1

Finding Aid project ongoing.

An Archivist has been hired to work on an online Catablog of Resources about Longmeadow. The catablog will be online shortly; it will be hosted by UMASS. We are the first community to do this kind of project.

Next Meeting - October 18 at 7:00 p.m. at the Adult Center

Adjourn at 7:55