

Minutes

Longmeadow Historical Commission Meeting Thursday, November 15, 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 7:05 p.m.

Minutes from November 1 2018 Special Meeting and October 18 2018 meeting approved

Old Business

Old Train Station – Town Survey

Nothing new to report.

Collaboration with East Longmeadow – 125 years since our split

No progress has been made but Steve will reach out to Bruce Moore.

Tom Higgins and his book about Longmeadow

November 27th program at Storrs Library scheduled.

The Barns of Longmeadow

With approval of Stephen Crane, Shannon Walsh, Historic Preservation Planner, Pioneer Valley Planning Commission will be doing surveys on the barns utilizing up to 22.5 hours of time allocated to the town of Longmeadow for projects such as this.

Building Demolition Delay – Language

Topic tabled until next month.

Historical Commission/Historic District Commission – Bylaws

On Tuesday the Historic District Commission passed a new version of their bylaws. Tim proposed a new bylaw to govern the Historical Commission that is consistent with the rules and regulations of the Historic District Commission and the Massachusetts Historical Commission. The purpose of the proposed bylaw is to clarify what laws the Longmeadow Historical Commission operates under and the local procedures followed by the Commission.

The motion was approved.

Next steps in the process:

The proposed bylaw is sent to Stephen Crane to look over and pass on to Town Counsel. Then if no changes are needed, the proposed bylaw must be approved by Select Board and then the proposed bylaw can go on the Town Warrant to be considered at the Town Meeting in May.

44 Birnie Road Investigation –follow-up

Nothing new to report

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Report from the Historical Society

About 12 people came for the recent architectural tour plus additional people came to visit the house because they saw it was open. Open houses are scheduled for Nov. 18 and Nov. 28. Open hours will restart in April. Upcoming programs:

January 29 - talk on Influenza.

April 8 - talk on Massachusetts and women suffragist movement.

February 27 - Sarah Storrs presentation at Adult Center.

Colony Acres Sidewalks and Repaving Project

Nothing new to report

Longmeadow Street Historic District – Curb Cuts

Nothing new to report but the project should have been sent to us for review. Maggy will contact Stephen Crane regarding this project.

New Business

Mailbox contents

nothing in it

Community Preservation Commission – LHC application

Steve reported that the Legislature approved an additional 10 million so there will be additional money (19%) available to communities.

Mass Historical Commission Survey and Planning Grant application

Letter of Intent went out today. If approved, additional information will be due in February.

Barbara and Elizabeth looked through survey books to determine the properties most in need of additional information. They determined approximately 70 properties that had very little documentation. The cost to survey each property is about \$230 per survey. Luckily the need to survey the barns is being addressed through the Pioneer Planning Commission.

Community Preservation Commission application

This application is due Nov. 29th. Three letters to support this application are anticipated.

Section 106 Review

Table to next meeting.

Any other New Business

Public Archaeological Laboratory Attachment

Request for info from reporter

Maggy will call and ask Stephen Crane how to respond to a request from a reporter for information about the Tennessee Gas Pipeline meter station project.

Next Meeting, December 20

Minutes prepared by Barbara Fitzgerald

Adjourn 7:45

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