

**Minutes**  
**Longmeadow Historical Commission Meeting**  
**Thursday, October 21, 2021**  
**7:00 pm, via ZOOM**

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm. In attendance: Maggy Cohn, Tim Casey, Dave Marinelli, Tom King, Steve Weiss and Jerold Duquette.

Minutes from September 9, 2021, were approved.

We elected Tim Casey as Clerk and Tom King as Vice-Chair.

**Old Business**

The Old Town Hall on Longmeadow Street - Nick Georgantis has not responded to my inquiries about the estimates for renovating this structure. Tim volunteered to contact him regarding this as he has to contact Nick about other business also. Tom is investigating grant opportunities.

North Longmeadow Street Intersection Improvements –The engineers are still working on the 75% plans. The DPW is severely understaffed so this may take some time.

Massachusetts Historical Commission, Survey of Pre-1901 Structures – Heritage has billed us and I have approved the payment of \$8,375 for their Phase III work. We have not had any advice from MHC as to how to conclude this project. We will reach out to them again.

- i. Moving Demo Delay Date: if we move it to 1911 this would include 36 additional properties. The main difference between houses built before WWI and those built afterwards is that the pre-war houses were custom built whereas the post war houses were being built ‘on spec’ (i.e., before being sold to anyone) which is a good delineation for determining the historical importance of a structure. We asked Dave to draft a letter to homeowners of properties which are coming off the List. Tim will send him a list of addresses. Tim asked Steve to schedule a Demolition Delay Committee meeting.
- ii. New Survey for Additional Properties – Tim has identified approximately 50 (14 current and 36 ‘new’) properties that need more documentation than we currently have. He suggested we use the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission for the surveys. Steve volunteered that grant applications to the CPC are due December 1.

280 Longmeadow Street – no news.

The Historical Society – Ghosts in the Graveyard went very well. The Society is focusing on Giving Tuesday, which will be on December 7 this year.

New Members – we may have a new member soon.

1607 Longmeadow Street – in the interest of full disclosure, my husband Dan and I have expressed an interest in the property to the real estate agent. This came about because one Sunday morning I happened to be driving by and there were vehicles in the driveway. So I pulled in also and met the agent and a contractor who was looking at the property with the idea of taking it all apart and putting it back together with modern wiring, utilities, etc. In subsequent emails, Ron, the agent, said there would be a film crew coming to tour the house. So we went. The crew was from Conde Nast and they have started a new venture which tracks and films the rehabilitation of old, historic homes. But we liked what we saw and have started doing some due diligence on the property. Tom volunteered that he may have some contacts at This Old House that he would be willing to contact for us. He also suggested his electrician, Lyle Electric from Holyoke for an estimate.

*The mission of the Longmeadow Historical Commission is to identify, preserve, educate and advise the Town about its unique heritage.*

Longmeadow History in the School Curriculum – Tim would like to put this project on hold.

Old Train Station – no demo permit has been pulled yet. We will take this item off our agenda until we hear from DPW.

Town Meeting – On November 2, there will be 2 articles which will define the responsibilities and make-up of our Commission.

### **New Business**

The Mail Box – nothing

Other New Business

Per Tim, Eversource is proposing a new pipeline through Longmeadow up into Springfield. Two of the three routes they are proposing go up Route 5 through the Historic District and the North Route 5 Historic District. The Columbia Gas web site has maps of the proposed routes. The Town is having a committee meeting about this project next week and Tim will be going to it.

Per Dave, one of the CPC projects needs a carpenter. Tom volunteered his: RN R413 on Facebook.

Our Next Meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2021. We decided we will see if there will be space at the new Adult Center and if so, maybe we could do a hybrid meeting there.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Margaret Cohn, Chair  
Longmeadow Historical Commission