

**East Longmeadow Historical Commission  
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Monday, March 9, 2020  
Location: Little Red School House, 35 School Street, East Longmeadow, Ma.**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

It was noted that the meeting was being audio taped by Sherry McKeon, Secretary and no others were recording the meeting.

Present were commissioners: Bruce Moore, John Makara, Ralph Cooley, Sherry McKeon, Kathleen Sheehan, Nancy Heath

Associate Member: Joyce Kent

Visiting the meeting was Tom Behan

The minutes from the last meeting, February 10, 2020 were reviewed. A motion was made to accept the amended minutes by Kathy Sheehan and seconded by John Makara, all in favor and the motion passed.

Treasurer's report was given by Kathy Sheehan.

\* Treasurer's Report is attached

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Museum opening February 15, 2020 went well. Bruce Moore and Sherry McKeon were hosting. 5 people visited and \$22.00 was donated.
2. Library History Room update: Kathy & Tony Sheehan, Bruce Moore, Joyce Kent, Ralph and Barb Cooley and Tom Behan were all there to help organize boxes Wednesday afternoon. Two visitors also came.
3. Kathy updated us on the Town Hall being put on the National Register of Historic Places. Kathy talked with Sara Menard about using the Historical Commission's trust fund to finance the project. Sara and Kathy will meet with the Town Manager to see if she agrees to have the Town Hall on the Register and if we can use our Trust funds for this. The meeting will be April 1, 2020.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Museum Open House March 21, 2020 will be hosted by John Makara and Ralph Cooley.
2. Bruce Updated us on the Fall Program progress. Historian Patrick Duquett will be the speaker and the topic will be on Lake Hitchcock. The date for the talk will be Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. In the Senior Center Media Room. Bruce will check with Patrick on the date and schedule the media room for the 22<sup>nd</sup>.
3. The Library Display Case project will be done by Joyce Kent and Bruce Moore. The display case will be available in May. Joyce will have captions ready in April. It will feature tools used for quarry work.

4. The Historical Commission's Town report was written by Bruce Moore and co-authored by Kathy Sheehan. It had not been done for 3 years prior. Very nicely done! Thank you both.

5. Bruce Moore has been working on finding more History on Mathews Swamp. He read the deed that listed the Webster house and Burt house. Bruce measured up about a half mile from the Center and he found the famous Webster house is still there, also the Burt house on Chestnut Street.

6. For Town History this week Bruce Moore had brought a 1930's Cookbook and ads. Bruce also brought pages from Reverend Stephen Williams's diary, January 1761 to April 1761.

#### OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Kathy Sheehan Mentioned we need a new printer for the Library Historical Room and gave us prices she had researched. Kathy Made a motion to spend up to \$400.00 on a new printer and Nancy Heath seconded it. All were in favor and the motion passed.

2. Ralph Cooley mentioned that it would be nice to have a church pew for the porch at the museum to replace the existing bench. Bruce mentioned there is a pew in the garage we could look at. We will discuss this further.

ADJOURNMENT: Kathy Sheehan made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Ralph Cooley seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully written by,

Sherry McKeon

**East Longmeadow Historical Commission Treasurer's Report  
9 March 2020**

**8214 Historical Trust Fund**

FY 2020 Balance as of: 10 February 2020	\$12,915.95
Interest	\$149.06
Expenditure	\$1,000.00
FY 2020 as of: 9 March 2020	\$12,065.01

**2630 Historical Commission Gifts**

FY 2020 Balance of: 10 February 2020	\$769.00
Deposits of donations/sales	\$00.00
FY 2020 Balance as of: 9 March 2020	\$769.00

**01693 General Fund Operating Budget**

FY 2020 Budget amounts:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Expenditure Budget</u>	<u>Department</u>
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Kathleen M. Sheehan - Treasurer

Date: 9 March 2020