

East Longmeadow Historical Commission Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Monday, March 11, 2019

Location: Little Red School House, 35 School Street, East Longmeadow, Ma.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

It was noted that the meeting was being videotaped by ELCAT

No others recording this meeting

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

Present were Associate Members: Laura Peavey

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The minutes from the last meeting February 11, 2019 were reviewed and a motion was made to accept the minutes as written, by Kathy Sheehan and seconded by Ralph Cooley.

All in favor and motion was moved.

2. Treasurers report was given by Kathy Sheehan.

* Treasurer's Report attached

3. By Law amendments were presented by the By Law Committee - Ralph Cooley and Kathy Sheehan. Nancy Heath made a motion to accept the changes and John Makara seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion carried.

*After the amendments are approved by the town they will be changed.

4. Library Historical Room update: No visitors, but a few people came by when they saw the room was open. A posting of the library Historical Room hours will be added to El Cat postings.

5. Museum Driveway update: Ralph Cooley who is also a member of the Community Preservation Committee will be attending their April meeting and Ralph will inquire about funding for this year for the driveway. The DPW sub contracts out for paving and Bruce Moore has 3 different companies scheduled in the coming weeks for estimates for cost of the driveway paving.

6. Museum opening March 16, 2019 went well. Seven people came and there was a \$20.00 donation.

7. Museum inventory has been started and the outside articles have been documented.

8. Nancy Heath, who is also a member of the Garden Club, is now in charge of Garden club connecting up with the Historical Commission. Nancy let us know that it is the Garden Club's 50th anniversary this year and they will have a tour of the museum garden, Saturday June 22, 10:00 to 4:00 p.m. We will get our gardens and window boxes looking good for the event. Tickets will be sold and we could sell tickets at the museum.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Museum Open House Saturday March 16th, Ralph Cooley, John Makara and Nancy Heath will be there.

2. 125th Celebration: There was a kick off dinner at Greek Church and they sold about 200 tickets.

We discussed the historical commission carrying a banner for the 4th of July parade and what slogan we could have printed on it and will talk about ideas at the next meeting.

3. We talked about our fall speaker possibly Dennis Picard and we will choose a topic next meeting and get in touch with Dennis Picard for dates that he might be available. Also, to check with the Senior Center Media room about dates for speaker, possibly Thursday, October 17 or Thursday, October 24. Unless Dennis cannot come those dates.

4. Bruce Moore went to Mountain View School March 1st. To talk to the 4th grade about the town history for the 7th year now, the class will possibly have a field trip to the museum in April.

5. Town History was old door knobs from the Center School, also an unknown decorative piece, possibly a tie back for curtains? Fun to talk about. Bruce Moore also brought 3 different stone samples quarried in East Longmeadow, each a different shade, the amount of iron in the stone makes the color more red or brown.

Worcester stone, 88% silica - 1.8% iron- light brown stone

Maynard stone, 79% silica – 2.5% iron – red stone

Kibbe stone, 81% silica – 3.5% iron – red stone, darkest red

Within 1 mile of each quarry there are three different shades of stone.

Nancy Heath also brought a list of old homes built before 1900 in East Longmeadow.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Sherry McKeon brought up possibly doing the town tag sale in May to sell town items, coins, window prisms ext. and it was decided that it would be better to sell those items during the 4th of July Parade.
2. We discussed the operating budget and it has not all been spent this year.
3. A Friends of the Historical letter will be ready and be sent out a month before Fall program is scheduled.
4. Meeting was adjourned at 8:11 Motion made by Kathy Sheehan and seconded by John Makara. All in favor, motion was moved.

NEXT MEETING: April 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m

Respectfully Submitted,

Sherry McKeon, Secretary

East Longmeadow Historical Commission Treasurer's Report
Meeting on March 11, 2019

January Report

Historical Trust Fund

Balance as of \$12,080.30

Subtract \$19.00 deposit (was moved to gift account)

Balance w/interest \$12,071.39

Gift Account

\$216.00

+ \$19.00 transfer from trust fund

+\$10.00 donation

Balance: \$245.00

Operating Budget 2019:

\$200 Building

\$100 Guest speaker

\$150 Postage

\$50 Refreshment for fall speaker

Kathleen M. Sheehan - Treasurer