

**East Longmeadow Historical Commission  
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Monday January 9,2023**

**Location: Historical Room, EL Library, 60 Center Square, East Longmeadow, MA 01028**

**Call to order:** 6:02 p.m.

Present were commissioners: Tom Behan, Bruce Moore, John Makara, John Fitzpatrick, Joyce Kent, Andrea Driscoll, Ken Hancock and George Kingston.

Visiting the meeting: Thomas Christiansen, Deputy Town Manager and Jennifer Doherty, Local Government Program Coordinator, Mass. Historical Commission, of Boston.

The minutes of the 9/19/22 meeting were read & reviewed.

Motion to accept the minutes was made by George and seconded, all in favor and the motion was passed.

The Treasurer's report was given by Treasurer, Ken Hancock.

**Old Business:**

1. The Museum's November 19, 2022 opening welcomed six visitors including retired historian John P. O'Connor, of the Springfield History Library & Archive.
2. Review of 1906 Train Accident near present day Depot
3. Review of Lutheran Church 1926 status
4. Review of demolition of Creeger's Farm

**New Business**

1. Thank you to Ken for Museum pump and water trough repair. Tom provided photo of finished work.
2. An update on Town Hall Bell Restoration progress was given.
3. An update on the Library Historical Room extensive clean up was provided.
4. Special guest, Jennifer Doherty of the Massachusetts Historical Commission presented an overview of Historic Preservation Planning, focusing on best practices for smaller towns with limited budgets with town staff support. Questions were answered providing a starting point for preservation planning.

**Other Business**

1. Ken found a donated leaflet from Hamilton Mass. in the Museum's garage storage. The leaflet was from a 1938 Labor Day Equestrian competition in which George Smith Patton IV participated as a 13-14 year old . A motion to donate the leaflet to the Hamilton Historical Society was made by George, seconded, all in favor and the motion was passed.
2. Joyce donated a collection of previous fund raising materials for future use.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn was made by George at 7:12 and seconded, all in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Andrea Driscoll, Secretary  
East Longmeadow Historical Commission