

East Longmeadow Historical Commission

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Monday February 14, 2022

Location: Little Red School House, 35 School Street, East Longmeadow, MA 01028

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present were commissioners: Bruce Moore, Ralph Cooley, Ken Hancock, Tom Behan, Andrea Driscoll, John Makara and associate member John Fitzpatrick

The minutes of the January 10th meeting were read & reviewed.

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

A Treasurers report was given by Ken Hancock: ELHC Trust Fund and Donation Accounts were discussed.

Old Business:

1. The January 10th Museum opening and the increase in visitors was discussed. The functioning of the exterior Photo Electric light was mentioned.

New Business

1. The Museum will be open Saturday, February 19th 1-3 pm.
2. A map of local Indian Trails in 1625 was shared by Tom Behan. Each in attendance received a packet with the map along with various documents, including Springfield native and historian Harry Wright, a 1900's author of 3 books on local Indians affairs.
3. History of Harry Fisk's residence of 440 Prospect Street was provided. Milk Bottles from Watchuett Dairy Farm that was located at 440 Prospect Street, were displayed.
4. Photographs of the Museum during the 125th celebration were shared.
5. A map depicting the location of East Longmeadow's 1927 Fire Tower, off Shaker Road, was shown along with a piece of wooden floor board from the structure.

Other Business

1. A motion was made by John Makara and seconded to make a contribution of \$100.00 in memory of Peter Burns to the Peter Burns Jr. Memorial Scholarship.
2. Advertising in the Springfield Republican and the East Longmeadow Reminder was agreed upon to pursue.
3. Andrea read our Annual History Commission letter to be included in the 2021 Town Report.
4. Continued storage organization in the Museum's basement was agreed upon.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by John Makara at 7:34 and seconded, all in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Driscoll, Secretary
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