

**East Longmeadow Historical Commission
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Monday March 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, and associate member John Fitzpatrick

The minutes of the February 14th 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 and updating our Bi-Laws was discussed.

Old Business:

1. The February 19th Museum opening was discussed. Guest Sandra Burns sent a Thank you note for our donation to the late Peter Burns Memorial Scholarship Fund.
2. A printout of the sale of the Fisk property at 440 Prospect Street from the early 1940's was provided.
3. The progress of the Library Historical Room organization was discussed.
4. The Reminder Publication's notice on their Event page of the March 19th Museum Opening was shared.
5. Nancy Heath will be stepping down as a Commission Member.

New Business

1. Continued research of the Shaker Road Fire Tower was discussed with maps provided.
2. The Museum will be open March 19th 1-3 pm.
3. The complementary tickets to Old Sturbridge Village were used and an overview of the visit was given by Andrea. A follow up Thank you note to the Village is planned.
4. The June Election of new officers was discussed and recommendations made as follows:

Tom Behan - Chairman (1st year) Bruce Moore - Vice Chairman (1st year)
Andrea Driscoll - Secretary (2nd year) Ken Hancock - Treasurer (2nd year)
Ralph Cooley - CPC Representative (3rd year)

5. The Fall speaker for our October meeting was presented. Promotion of the event will be discussed at next meeting.
6. Bruce provided history of the former Sunset Inn on Prospect Street and Countryside Store.
7. Plans to promote our 50th Anniversary in tandem with the Library and Norcross House was discussed.

Other Business

1. Peter and Sandra Burn's in progress digital contribution, "American Design Series" will be stored and made available as an educational resource.
2. A June lecture on East Longmeadow History at the Senior Center given by John Fitzpatrick is planned.
3. John also shared that The Springfield Museum's Archives Room is available.
4. The transcribing of old cassette tapes was discussed and Tom Behan has agreed to look into restoration methods.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Tom Behan at 7:45 and seconded, all in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Driscoll, Secretary
East Longmeadow Historical Commission