

**East Longmeadow Historical Commission
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Monday April 10, 2023**

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

Call to order: 6:00 p.m.

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

The minutes of the 3/13/23 meeting were read & reviewed.

Motion to accept the minutes was made by Bruce 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 March 18th opening received 8 visitors. Our theme of Pratt & Whitney drew special interest. A visiting geologist appreciated our historic accounts of red stone mining.
2. Ken provided an update on the Town Hall Bell restoration.
3. An application for Archival Services is ongoing. More information will be available when the Community Preservation Committee meets.
4. A walking tour to aid in mapping a Historic district is planned for the near future.
5. All are encouraged to join in a virtual seminar given by the Western Mass Historical Coalition, 4/20

New Business

6. The next opening for the History Museum is April 15, 2023
7. Tom appointed Ken and Andrea to the Nomination Committee.
8. The Museum received a donation of a Whistle Stop train marker once used as a safety alert for the conductor to sound the train's horn or whistle.
9. A new display has been installed at the Museum, featuring Chestnut Street's Pratt & Whitney.
10. Bruce shared a photograph of a house from late 1890's to early 1900's located on Elm Street. Demolished in 1904, it was the last house before the Springfield line. It sat near Schnelock Brook where evidence of a former mill can be found.

Other Business

1. Bruce shared further documentation of a newspaper article from 3/26/23, relating the story of a gun theft from Longmeadow's Storrs House Museum. Considered a cold case for almost 50 years, the antique gun has been recovered, helped by the FBI Art Crime Team.
2. Antiques for the Museum, donated from the Burt and Bigelow families, has been offered.

Next Meeting May 8, 2023

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by George Kingston at 7:05 and seconded, all in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Driscoll, Secretary
East Longmeadow Historical Commission