

**East Longmeadow Historical Commission
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Monday May 8, 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: Joyce Kent

The minutes of the 4/10/23 meeting were read & reviewed.

Motion to accept the minutes was made by John Makara 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 April 15th opening received over 8 visitors. Visitor Phil Johnson repaired our antique time clock.
2. Ken provided an update on the Town Hall Bell. At this point, no further restoration is planned.
3. George updated the progress status of our archival storage application.
4. A walking tour date, to aid in mapping a Historic district was agreed upon.
5. The virtual seminar given by the Western Mass Historical Coalition, on 4/20 was discussed.

New Business

6. The next opening for the History Museum is May 20, 2023. A theme was decided upon to coincide with our newly donated Whistle Stop train marker.
7. The Historical Commission's contribution and expectations of East Longmeadow's Resilient Master Plan was discussed.
8. Ideas for celebrating the anniversary in 2026 of the signing of the Declaration of Independence known as America 250 was pursued.
9. The Pioneer Valley History Network is presenting a series of workshops funded by the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts .
10. Participation was encouraged in awarding the Boston Post Cane on 5/18 at the EL Senior Center.
11. A reminder for mandatory completion of the Mass. Conflict of Interest Law Training was given.
12. An antique appraisal fund raiser is tentatively planned for September at the EL Senior Center.

Other Business

1. Ken presented the 2023 Slate of Nominated Candidates for the Historical Commission.
2. Bruce shared a newspaper article from 1931 about a tomahawk head found on Allen Street in EL by Mr. John McGrath. Joyce Kent shared 2 tomahawk stones from her father's collection.

Next Meeting June 12,2023

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by John MaKara at 7:01 and seconded, all in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Driscoll, Secretary
East Longmeadow Historical Commission