

East Longmeadow Historical Commission
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Monday June 12, 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 John Fitzpatrick. Visiting was Chris Koetsch.

The minutes of the 5/08/23 meeting were read & reviewed.

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

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

Old Business:

1. The theme for the Museum's May 20th opening was Whistle Stop marker in East Longmeadow.
2. The archival storage application status will be updated in July when CPC meets.
3. A walking tour date, to aid in mapping a Historic district, is pending as weather permits.
4. The successful Boston Post Cane presentation held at the Senior center was reviewed.

New Business

5. The Historical Commission's contribution and expectations of East Longmeadow's Master Plan was revisited.
6. A plan of action was discussed for our next Museum opening that will coincide with the Norcross House Spring Craft Fair.
7. On August 19th, 5 area Historical Museums will be open simultaneously for tours known as History On the Go.
8. An October date for a Fall fund-raiser event was decided upon.
9. Suggestions were made in preparation for the 250th Anniversary of the Revolutionary War.
10. Jake Sadow, Boston Public Library's Statewide Digitization Project Archivist, offers information on digitizing museum collections known as Digital Commonwealth.
11. A reminder for mandatory completion of the Mass. Conflict of Interest Law Training was given.
12. Ken presented the 2023-24 Slate of Officers. Motion to accept was made by John Makara, and seconded, all in favor and the motion was passed.

Other Business

1. Bruce made a motion for Chris Koetsch to become an associate member. It was seconded all in favor and the motion was passed.
2. A group effort, of Tom, Ken, Bruce and John F. was made to continue shed cleaning in addition to roof repair by Ken.
3. The High School Memorial Plaque honoring 3 students killed in 1971, was cleaned and restored by Tom, Ken and Bruce. A possible Reminder article about the restoration is planned.
4. National Night Out, August 1st is the Commission's next undertaking planned.

Next Meeting September ,2023

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by John MaKara at 7:08 and seconded, all in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Driscoll, Secretary
East Longmeadow Historical Commission