

**East Longmeadow Historical Commission
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Monday June 14, 2021**

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, John Makara, Ralph Cooley, Nancy Heath and Tom Behan.

Visiting the meeting was: John Fitzpatrick

The minutes of the May 10th meeting was read & reviewed.

Motion to accept the minutes was made by John Makara and seconded by Ralph Cooley.

*No Treasures Report was given at this time.

Old Business:

Plans were discussed to meet at the Library Historical Room. Many hours are needed to help organize the New Boxes for files. A new printer is in the works. We also need help transcribing the old cassette tapes into data.

New Business

1. Our Historical Museum will finally be reopening Saturday June 19 in conjunction with the Norcross Craft Fair. Our museum will be open from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Members scheduled times they could help out.
2. A 1953 Little League Team Photo was passed around. Ralph Cooley was on the team and his dad was the Coach.
3. Two old newspaper articles were shown which indicated the Swetland-Pease home on Pease Road once was used during the Underground Railroad. A secret room is still located in the home today. Discussion followed pertaining to possible inclusion of the house on the Underground Railroad Data Base.
4. Ralph Cooley presented a letter to possibly be submitted regarding our Commission's input on new construction and or remodeling of commercial structures near the center of town.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Behan (Acting Secretary)

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