

Meeting Minutes
Longmeadow Historic District Commission
Tuesday, January 8, 2019

The Longmeadow Historic District Commission met on Tuesday, January 8 at 7:00pm at the Fire Station Meeting Room.

Present from the HDC were: Cathy Kietzman, Sandy Krein, John Robbins, Anthony Guardione, Tim Casey, Melissa McDonough, Bret Lukezic and Rob Mulcahy. Absent were: Carri Greenman and Paul Calento.

Also present were: Andrew Lam and Michael Caronna.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm.

Public Comments:

Michael Caronna, the southern neighbor of 734 Longmeadow St, raised a concern about the visibility of the parking lot and potential transformer. Andrew Lam noted that while much of the planting has already taken place, additional plantings will go in once the parking lot has been completed (paved) and this should decrease the visibility from Mr. Caronna's property. He also requested that the sidewalk in front of the property be swept daily as rocks sometimes are left after the construction vehicles have gone in and out. Andrew Lam agreed to have the contractors sweep at the end of each day.

Old Business:

Minutes from December 11 were not available for review.

New Business:

1. Application 120718 – Lam, 730 Longmeadow St. – Installation of new address placard. Per the LHDC Rules and Regulations, house street signs meeting Longmeadow Zoning by-laws do not require commission approval. As this is within the by-laws the application was amended to Non-Applicability and verified as such.
2. Application 122018 – Longmeadow Historic Preservation Partners (LHPP), 734 Longmeadow St. – Installation of new transformer for electrical service. Due to the upgrades being done to 734, an above ground transformer is required by Eversource. It is their desire to place it near the back of the property by the parking lot. While the actual size of the transformer isn't determined until the construction begins, LHPP has been assured that it will not exceed 66"wx74"tx54"d in size and will be dark green or grey in color. In addition, 2-4 ballards will also be placed around the transformer to protect it from vehicles. These could be yellow, gray or green in color (preferably the same as the transformer). LHPP believes that once the plantings around the transformer are in place that it will not be visible from the street. The application was approved unanimously with Anthony Guardione abstaining (abutter).
3. Application 062018C Amendment – LHPP, 734 Longmeadow St. – Change to previously approved property sign. Proposed changes for fence mounted sign: Size to be 30"w x 21 3/8" h vs. 24"h; constructed of high density urethane vs. wood; and lettering changes. Application was approved unanimously.
4. Review of proposed changes to Rules & Regulations and Design Guidelines. Tim Casey previewed his proposed changes to the aforementioned documents with subsequent discussion. Most of the changes are minor primarily to reflect technology changes and standard best practices. Majority of the discussion was around the inconsistency of the

consideration of swimming pools between the two documents. Further discussion of the proposed changes will take place at the March 12 meeting.

Sandy Krein (Chair) had to leave the meeting at 7:46 so Cathy Kietzman was instituted as acting Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cathy Kietzman, Clerk