

Minutes of the
Longmeadow Historic District Commission
January 10, 2006

Present: Ed Burt, Eleanor Santos, Mark Sirulnik, Crystal Diamond, John Robbins, Jewel Reed, Karen Lazeration, Pat Duquette

Absent: Robert Fein

Public present: Mike McAuliffe

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 by chairman John Robbins

Old Business

The December minutes were approved as distributed.

A letter was received from Carl Sturgis stating the library project was completed. The McTaggart and the Keitzman projects are completed. Upon receipt of a letter to that effect, the file will be closed.

John will notify the Wallaces and the Wints that a letter of completion should be sent when they have finished their projects.

John updated us on the progress of the Historic District Expansion Committee. The Northern part of Longmeadow St, north of Cooley and Westmoreland, is currently in the National Register of Historic Places and will be included in the proposal for the expanded district, the current properties in the district would be included to the rear line of their properties, and other houses with "stars" would also be included including the three houses east of the fire station.

The plan has to be submitted to the Mass. Historic Commission for their review 60 days prior to presenting it to the town at the town meeting. (Feb. 25).

Feb. 10 the proposal text for the article needs to be submitted for the town warrant. John Robbins and Chris Hall will write the article for the warrant.

The surveys and letters are ready to be mailed tomorrow. They are slated to be returned by the 16th.

A hearing will be held at the end of the month.

Bay Path has agreed to put the picket fence up between 896 and 906 Longmeadow St. It had been removed due to a misunderstanding.

New Business

John has met with Rachel and Carol Leary regarding the 896 property. Although they have plans for remodeling the house, most of the work will be done on the inside, although they have plans for enlarging the house in the back. John expressed our concern that the properties maintain a residential look. They hope to make an application for our March meeting.

Property Files

Jewel has created a ring binder to keep records of all the houses' applications, and the meetings' minutes that pertain to them.

Packets for Historic District residents. Pat Duquette shared a letter that she had drafted to be sent along with a copy of the Rules and Regulations. The goal is to keep the residents aware of their responsibilities as homeowners in the district.

Terms

John's term expires in 2007.

It was recommended that he continue as chair as for one more year, but have a vice chair who would advance to chair the following year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55.