

Minutes of the Longmeadow Historic District Commission
June 13, 2006

Present: Eleanor Santos, Karen Lazeration, Mark Sirulnik:, Ed Burt, Pat Duquette, Karen Lazeration

Absent: Crystal Diamond, Jewel Reed, Robert Fein

Public Present: Bob McTaggart

The meeting was called to order by Chair John Robbins at 7:35

Application 2006.06.01

McTaggart

909 Longmeadow St.

Modify present storm door to have 9 panels instead of 4, more in keeping with the current front door.. This would allow screens to be inserted instead of the solid storm version, during the warm weather. It would be painted the same red as is currently.

The application was approved as presented.

Ed Burt, Mark Sirulnik, John Robbins, Pat Duquette, Karen Lazeration all voted yes.

Application 2006.06.02

McTaggart

909 Longmeadow St,

The application was approved as presented.

Ed Burt, Mark Sirulnik, John Robbins, Pat Duquette, Karen Lazeration all voted yes.

It was noted that anything Mr. McTaggart does to the outside of his house would only be in the best interest of the house and the district.

Karen Lazeration was the assigned coordinator for the McTaggart projects.

Application 2006.06.03

Park and Recreation department would like to place a temporary sign in front of the Community House

This was withdrawn due to the inability of the applicant, Mr. Michael McCarty to be present at this meeting. It will be resubmitted in July. John will provide Mr. McCarty with a list of our questions and concerns. The sense of the commission is that the sign is not appropriate.

Mark reported that a temporary sign is any banner or sign that is up for a total of 30 continuous days or less per calendar year. Anything longer is considered to be permanent.

It was noted that the red and black banner at First Church has been removed.

John has devised a form for applicants to sign when work is completed.

Old Business:

The May minutes were amended to add, after Application 2006.05.01 “regarding the daily placement of temporary signs in front of the Community House by the Parks and Recreation department” The minutes were accepted as amended.

John is seeking someone to replace him to work on the expansion of the Historic District Commission.

Demolition delay bylaw impact. People are needed to serve on this committee.

Balustrade on the Community House.:

John has spoken with Robin Crosbie.

Apparently the balustrade is one of many items on the building that needs repair. She would like to meet with members of this board to show the situation. It was recommended that this would be a good application of Community Preservation Act moneys. Ed Burt, Pat Duquette, Mark Sirulnik and John Robbins will try to make an appointment to look at it.

Ed Burt offered his opinion that this would be a perfect candidate for vinyl extrusion.

Board for next year:

John reviewed when each board member’s term is up.

There are two people interested in becoming members of the board, and there are three vacancies.

The new resident orientation packet is nearly ready for distribution.

Survey of houses.

John and Ed will choose a house to survey and update its inventory.

Every house in the district should be kept up to date in its survey.

John asked for volunteers to take over the job of secretary, as Eleanor will be going off the board. The responsibilities are: take minutes of each meeting, check the mailbox for applications, up through 15 days before the meeting, prepare the agenda with the chair, send the minutes to the members and community development committee. And the approved minutes and agenda to the webmaster and Donna Hunsinger..

John will investigate having the community development secretary handle all but the taking of the minutes.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00.