

Minutes of the Longmeadow Historic District Commission Meeting
September 12, 2006
Community Room, Longmeadow Police Station

Present:

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

Public present:

David Kane

The meeting was called to order at 7:35

John announced that the October meeting location is to be announced, as the community room at the Police station has been preempted by the select board for that date.

Application 2006.09.01

Burritt

844 Longmeadow St.

The commission voted unanimously to accept the application to change the color of their white front door to Essex Green.

Mark Sirulnik yes

Pat Duquette yes

Karen Lazeration yes

Ed Burt yes

Eleanor Santos yes

John Robbins yes

Jewel Reed yes

Mark Sirulnik will monitor this application

Mr. Kane reported on the condition of his property at 1657 Longmeadow St., known as the Knox House. He expressed his intent to have the house demolished. John reminded him that the house was built in the 1850's and was awarded the Blue Star for 19th Century house, and appears in the Historical Society's books of historic houses. As a 19th century house, it falls within the jurisdiction of the demolition by-law. His contention is that there is nothing inside, and little outside, of historic significance. He plans to go before the ZBA in October. He was told it was a 1919 house, but that is the date given to houses whose records were destroyed in the fire of that year. There is nothing for us to act on, but rather he wanted us to be informed of his intentions.

The minutes of the August meeting were amended to read that the meeting was called to order at 7:45. regarding application 2006.08.01 in the first paragraph the word aluminum clad was inserted between "manufactured" and "windows". In the final sentence of that application it should read "The application was unanimously approved as amended". The

spelling of Robin Crosbie's name was corrected. The minutes were accepted as amended.

Application 2006.09.02

Irving Hopkins
859 Longmeadow St.

The application was to replace all the windows in the house with white vinyl clad windows. The windows do not meet our guidelines. The muntins are between the glass layers in the thermal windows. Although true divided lights are preferred, the next best is permanently attached muntins to the outside of the window. White windows would be a stark contrast to the dark red of his house. Mark suggested that there are some other choices available that might produce a result closer to our guidelines. It was recommended that he look at some other sources of windows, such as Pella and Marvin. It was acknowledged that other options would be more expensive, and that his quoted price for wooden replacement windows was prohibitive, but perhaps the project could be accomplished in stages. Mr. Hopkins was not present at the meeting.

Based on the discussion, John will send Mr. Hopkins a letter suggesting that he withdraw this application and resubmit with suggestions of how he might alter his application.

Minutes by Eleanor Santos