

Longmeadow Historic District Commission  
Minutes June 15, 2010

Call to order: 7:34 pm

Those present: Karen, Crystal, Ed, Diane, David, Michelle – Non members – Paula and Bob Lusardi, Ellie and Peter Santos, Andrew Lamb.

Discussion of Application 2010-06-01 – Bob Lusardi presented a brief overview of their ownership, explained their relationship with Historic New England and the guidelines of that program – the Lusardi's would like to install an asphalt roof to replace the present cedar shingle roof – they have chosen a Shangle roof with a black shingle – we voted and the votes were as follows:

Diane – No – feels that cedar shingles are appropriate for  
The HD and the Lusardi's understood this  
When they purchased the house

David – Abstained

Karen – No – feels that allowing wood to asphalt would set  
A precedent in the district and the asphalt  
Would not solve the lack of venting

Ed – No – feels that cedar shingle is appropriate and that  
The asphalt will not solve the venting issue

The vote was 2 in favor, 3 not in favor and 1 abstention.

The application was denied. The Lusardi's are going to continue investigating their options. Ed suggested a metal roof.

Old Business: Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved. No update from the Colony Hills group – Diane reported on the Open Meeting Law – we are in compliance for the most part, we just need to be very careful with emails.

New Business:

Ellie Santos presented a letter to the commission suggesting a tax rebate for home owners in the district. This would produce an incentive to buy into the district.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 – next meeting on July 13 – we will have an application from Center School.