

Meeting Minutes Longmeadow
Historic District Commission
Tuesday, April 14, 2020

The Longmeadow Historic District Commission met on Tuesday, April 14 at 7:00pm via a Zoom video conference call.

Present from the HDC were: Tim Casey,, Clifford Scott, Bret Lukezic, Diane Fisher, Paul Calento, Rob Mulcahy,, and Melissa McDonough Absent were Jonathan Jordan, Carri Greenman, and Ryan Shanks. Also present were Mary Rogeness and Virginia Packin.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Old Business:

1. Minutes from the March 10, 2020 meeting were unanimously approved.
2. Tim Casey stated that he had attempted to contact Justin Violette who was the person from Eversource that had approached Clifford Scott about his gas meter. Tim is hoping that Justin can provide him with a list of houses where gas meters have been moved outside so the HDC can see if retroactive applications are needed and educate Eversource on how to conduct their business in accordance with HDC rules in the future.

Clifford Scott informed Tim that Justin may also have a community liaison from Eversource reach out to him in order to resolve the issue.

Tim will give a status update at the next meeting.

New Business:

1. Application 030620A-Town of Longmeadow for 20 Williams Street to replace the business sign on the door of Town Hall. This was a retroactive application. The application was approved unanimously.
2. Application 030620B-Town of Longmeadow for 693 Longmeadow Street to add EV charging stations to the library parking lot.

Virginia Packin, an abutter, expressed that she did not feel that charging stations were appropriate to have in the library parking lot. She felt that they did not fit with the essence of the historic district.

Mary Rogeness, the president of the Board of Trustees of Storrs Library expressed that she was concerned that dedicated EV charging stations would limit access of the public to the library. She expressed that she was against the application.

Due to the current COVID 19 social distancing restrictions, the HDC was not able to physically see the future placement of the EV charging stations. The HDC then decided to table the application until the commission is able to actually see the proposed placement of the charging stations as part of a go and see after the COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted.

Later in the meeting, Tim received an email from Nick Georgantas that the town was going to withdraw the application and was considering alternate placement for the EV charging stations.

3. Carri Greenman was not present and will provide an update at the next meeting on the optional addendum to a listing for real estate agents.
4. Paul Calento showed the commission the work he has done with Google Maps. The map that Paul created notates when the structures within the historic district were built and when they became part of the district. Paul intends to add to the descriptions with information provided by the Historical Commission and further develop the map based on Google Maps used by other Historic Districts across the country. The HDC may even be able to create a walking tour of the district with this map

Meeting Adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully
Submitted by
Diane Fisher, Clerk