

Meeting Minutes Longmeadow
Historic District Commission
Tuesday, June 8, 2021

The Longmeadow Historic District Commission met on June 8, 2021 at 7:00pm via a Zoom video conference call.

Present from the HDC were: Tim Casey, Clifford Scott, Bret Lukezic, Andrea Taupier, Melissa McDonough, Jonathan Jordan and Robert Humberston. Absent were Diane Fisher, Ryan Shanks and Carri Greenman Also present were: Nick Georgantas and Kristy Riley.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Public Comments: Tim Casey informed the commission that the new by-law for the HDC had passed town meeting. He also informed them that the warrant was incorrect and that the by law for the Historical Commission had already been passed in 2019.

Melissa McDonough will be leaving the commission after her term expires on 6/30/21.

Carri Greenman's term also expires 6/30/21. It is unknown if she will reapply.

Bret Lukezic's term also expires 6/30/21 and he has reapplied and is pending reappointment by the Select Board.

Tim Casey's term also expires 6/30/21 and he has reapplied and is pending reappointment by the Select Board.

Old Business:

1. Minutes from the May 11, 2021 meeting were unanimously approved.
2. Columbia Gas update: No update. If Tim fails to hear back from homeowners by August, the HDC will begin the formal concern process for the outstanding applications.

New Business:

1. 050721 - Kristy Riley and Michael Cobill , 655 Longmeadow Street - Install a black aluminium fence towards the rear of their property. The application was approved unanimously.

2. 051021 - Town of Longmeadow, 693 Longmeadow Street - Install a new asphalt roof that is colored "pewterwood". The application was approved by a majority vote with Tim Casey, Rob Humberston, and Andrea Taupier abstaining.
3. Concern 060121 - Bay Path University, 577 Longmeadow Street - Security camera installed on the North side of the building without a Certificate of Appropriateness. Jonathan, Tim and Diane all confirmed that this was indeed a violation and Bay Path will have 30 days from the date of this meeting to take action in order to remedy the situation. Tim Casey has already been contacted by Bay Path and will respond on 6/9/21 to deliver the notice of concern to Bay Path per HDC rules and regulations. Bay Path will have the option to apply for a certificate of appropriateness for the current placement, remove the security camera and apply for a certificate of appropriateness for a new placement or remove the camera permanently.
4. Modify Rules and Regulations to add the following note to Section V. Changes Requiring Commission Approval: **- Visibility from a public way can only be blocked by a structure or nonliving landscape feature(s). If visibility from a public way is inhibited by a living landscape feature such as a tree or shrub, the change would be considered, visible from a public way for the purpose of these rules and regulations. The modification was approved unanimously.
5. Modify Design Guidelines Section 9 Landscaping Features as follows
Landscaping features such as statuary, ~~children's play equipment~~ and water features, should not be visible from a public way. Children's play equipment must be located towards the rear of the property to minimize impact to the streetscape and be removed at the end of its service life. The modification was approved unanimously.
6. Election of Officers. Timothy Casey re-elected as chair. Clifford Scott re-elected as vice chair, and Diane Fisher re-elected as clerk.
7. The HDC decided to meet virtually if the current state of emergency related to the public meeting law is extended until September 1st.
8. Rob Humberston asked if there had been any updates on the efforts to remove or replace the fence surrounding the garden at the rear of the Storrs' house. Tim informed Rob that neither he nor any other member of the commission in attendance had heard anything as of that time.
9. Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully
Submitted by
Diane Fisher, Clerk