

Meeting Minutes
Longmeadow Historic District Commission
Tuesday, June 11, 2019

The Longmeadow Historic District Commission met on Tuesday, June 11 at 7:00pm at the Fire Station Meeting Room.

Present from the HDC were: Cathy Kietzman, Sandy Krein, John Robbins, Carri Greenman, Tim Casey, Bret Lukezic and Melissa McDonough. Absent were: Anthony Guardione, Paul Calento and Rob Mulcahy.

Also present were: Betsy McKee, Al McKee, Bill Togneri, Kathy Togneri, Robert Walsh, Nick Barker, Tim Somers, Bill Wagner, Karen Lazeralion and Nick Georgantas.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

Old Business:

1. Minutes from the April 11, 2019 meeting were approved unanimously with an addition regarding 734 Longmeadow St that hadn't been included (John re: 2nd floor back left).

New Business:

1. Application 042219 – Al and Betsy McKee, 60 Williams St – Removal of secondary chimney at North side of House. During recent roof repairs the chimney was found to be in deteriorating condition and removal was recommended as it is no longer in use. The roof will then be patched with current roofing materials (asphalt). Application approved unanimously.
2. Application 050919 – Robert and Ashley Walsh, 857 Longmeadow St – Attached garage addition; various options for discussion. While five (5) options were presented, the Mr. Walsh and the commission quickly cut that number to two (2); options 1 and 4. Option 1 is an attached garage to the back of the house (along Longfellow Dr) and Option 4 is a Carriage Porch off of the same part of the house. The current detached garage will remain. Several items for discussion with the building commissioner were given to consider for both options: can there be four “garage” spaces (2 from existing garage and 2 from new construction) and what are the setback requirements for the new construction as house may be non-conforming? He noted that the driveway will remain but would be extended as necessary to connect to the new construction. It was also noted that should they decide to demolish the current garage that the demolition delay regulations may apply. The application was tabled to the July meeting with the expectation that Mr. Walsh will come back with additional information regarding option preference, setbacks, material, square footage, etc.
3. Application 051619 – Town of Longmeadow fbo Bay Path University, 588 Longmeadow St – Removal of concrete driveway on Farmlea Rd to be replaced with asphalt following installation of new water main. The Town is going to be installing a new water main on Farmlea Rd and per the application would like to replace the current concrete roadway with asphalt. The abutters on both sides were present and all confirmed that the Town had originally told them that the road would be replaced with concrete which is the current material and how they wish it to remain. No one from the Town or Bay Path was present to discuss. Application was denied.
4. Application 052319 – Nick and Katie Barker, 663 Longmeadow St:

- a. 052319A – Installation of wood shutter on South and East side of house to match front of house. Currently the house only had shutters on the front of the house and they are looking to install new ones along all windows on the other sides of the house. Shutters would be wood and would match current ones. Application approved unanimously.
 - b. 052319B – Installation of light fixtures on house and barn. This will include three (3) light fixtures on the house (2 at the front door, 1 at the side door) which would be the same metal and glass fixture. There would be one (1) metal fixture over the barn doors. Application approved unanimously.
5. Discussion regarding Town of Longmeadow Electric Vehicle charging stations at Town Hall. Nick Georgantas from the DPW hand delivered an application for the July meeting. The Town is looking to install 3 charging stations near the rear entrance to Town Hall. The current location would be visible from a public way as it is the most direct from the electrical source. While this will be discussed more thoroughly at the July meeting, it was noted that the preference would be for these stations to not be visible from a public way if at all possible.
6. While not noted during Public Comments, Betsy McKee informed the Commission that the Historical Society is looking to appoint someone to the Historic District Commission per their right to do so. Sandy confirmed that this has to go through the Select Board and the Historical Society can nominate up to two persons, with one being chosen.
7. Discussion regarding Historic District violations – John Robbins had previously distributed a listing of possible violations in the Historic District that need to be addressed. There was discussion as to how to approach this topic as in the past typically only letters would be sent to possible violators. It was agreed that the Commission needs to approach this tactfully and be collaborative vs. punitive with homeowners in the District. Several thoughts were discussed including; a public forum, a gradual step process and options to homeowners. Also, how to distinguish between “inherited” violations (newer homeowners) vs. current homeowner violations. Sandy suggested reaching out to Chris Kelly at the MA Historical Commission for his thoughts. Tim will be drafting a letter that can be sent to homeowners while the process is formulated based on letters that have been sent in the past. It was agreed that letters could be sent to 664 Longmeadow St (balustrade) and 734 Longmeadow St (rear porch) possible violations.
8. Terms expiring on 6/30/19 are Sandy Krein, Anthony Guardione and John Robbins. Cathy Kietzman has resigned effective 6/30/19.

Next meeting is scheduled for July 9.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40

Respectfully Submitted,