

Meeting Minutes
Longmeadow Historic District Commission
Tuesday, May 1, 2018

The Longmeadow Historic District Commission met on Tuesday, May 1st at 7:00pm at the Firehouse Community Meeting Room.

Present from the HDC were: Cathy Kietzman, Sandy Krein, Diane Fisher, John Robbins, Melinda Cropsey and Anthony Guardione. Absent was Scott LaVallee.

Also present was Mario Mazza, John Cloonan, David Marinelli, Jean Maziarz, Andrew Lam, Nick Barker and Chris Orszulak.

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

Public Comments:

1. Dave Marinelli from the Town Tree Committee notified the HDC that funding has been received for trees on the Green and they will be planted this Fall.
2. Dave Marinelli also commented on his concern regarding parking on the Northeast end of the green (in front of the Community House). He has spoken with the town in regards to this. Mario Mazza (Longmeadow DPW) commented that there are several plans in place to make this area safer, including: narrowing of Williams St at the Longmeadow St intersection (First Church and Community House) and the addition of a pedestrian light and the intersection of Longmeadow St at the Storrs Library was to be discussed shortly with the Town Manager. We reminded him that any land changes to the area (i.e. alteration of Green) need to be approved by the HDC. In addition, there is a long-term (5 year) plan to review and Longmeadow/Williams St intersection (T) but this will require a State review and funding.
3. Mario Mazza also noted that the war memorial next to the Community House has been decommissioned and would be removed except for the lack of funding. Again, it was noted, that the removal would need to come before the HDC.

Old Business

1. Minutes from March 6, 2018 meeting approved unanimously.
2. Rules & Regulations, Design Guidelines and Website – Previously it was noted by John that on Longmeadow.org the Historic District Commission's Bylaw is jumbled with the Historic Commission. It was expected that at the Historic Commissions' May 24 meeting someone was going to be appointed to work with him to separate the two.

New Business

1. Application 040218 – Nicholas and Kathleen Barker, 663 Longmeadow St. Removal and replacement of 15 windows with in-kind 6x6 double hung windows. Application approved unanimously.
2. Application 040618 – Tom and Cathy Kietzman, 891 Longmeadow St. Removal and replacement of 3 windows on south side of house with similar looking, awning style windows. Application approved unanimously with Cathy Kietzman abstaining from voting.
3. Application 041018 – Town of Longmeadow, Richard Salter Storrs Library, 693 Longmeadow St. Removal and replacement of various windows in both the 1933 original building and 1993 addition. The Library was represented by Mario Mazza, John Cloonan and Jean Maziarz noting

that \$250,000 was approved at Town Meeting last year for this project and will be going out to bid soon. All windows will be replaced with –kind double hung windows. Application approved unanimously with Diane Fisher abstaining from voting as she is also a member of the Library Board.

4. Site and Design Review Application to Longmeadow Planning Board (LPB) for 734 Longmeadow St by Longmeadow Historic Preservation Partners (LHPP). Discussion for HDC recommendations (if any) to the LPB for the 5/2/18 meeting. Andrew Lam and Chris Orszulak were present to answer questions regarding their LPB application. Discussion was primarily regarding the fencing, driveway and parking lot. Andrew and Chris’s comments included:
 - Fence cuts will be minimal but they do have to deal with the minimum requirements for the driveway width.
 - Curb cut width is per the Fire Department as to ensure emergency vehicles can enter and exit.
 - Current driveway cannot be used as entrance as not wide enough and also residential (can’t be dual purpose)
 - Parking lot has to be a minimum of 10ft from property line and meet all Code/ADA requirements.
 - New fencing will include along property line with 734R (driveway)
 - Elevator to be located within conservatory

Discussion among HDC members included the following concerns:

- Anthony Guardione chose to recuse himself from the HDC discussion as he is an abutter to the property and is already in discussions with them regarding property line, etc.
- Feel that this will alter the look significantly from the front but realize that using current driveway is not an option.
- Realize that there have to be curb cuts but ideally they are kept as minimal as possible.
- Concern with “tunnel” look of fencing along private driveway of 734R as there is already fencing on other side.
- Unanimous decision not to send any specific recommendations to LPB.

5. Demolition Delay – Discussion regarding authority for review and approval by Demolition Delay Committee (DDC) and HDC for structures within the Historic District. Agreed that HDC has more authority over DDC; however, DDC can step in if HDC agrees to demolition of structure.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Kietzman, Clerk