

Meeting Minutes
Longmeadow Historic District Commission
Tuesday, August 14, 2018

The Longmeadow Historic District Commission met on Tuesday, August 14th at 7:00pm at the Firehouse Community Meeting Room.

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

Also present was Melissa LeDoux.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

Old Business:

There were no old business discussions.

New Business:

1. Application 052517E – John Robbins, 1028 Longmeadow St. – Request for an extension of Certificate of Appropriateness for exterior house painting. Extension of approval from June 2017. There are no changes to the application. The application was approved unanimously with John Robbins abstaining.
2. Application 072518 – Melissa LeDoux, 859 Longmeadow St – Installation of wooden fence. Request for installation of a 4 foot tall wooden fence from house to garage, enclosing a portion of the yard. The fence will be natural wood. It was noted that there is also a deck under construction that is visible from a public way and an applicable was not received for this. The application was modified to include a 10x14 deck in addition to the fence. The application was approved unanimously.
3. Update regarding HDC jurisdiction over public roadways – Sandy had reached out to Chris Skelly of the MA HDC in regards to any jurisdiction the HDC may have over public roadways. His response was unclear so she then reached out to the Longmeadow Town Counsel, Michael Schneider who informed her that public roadways are not within the HDC's jurisdiction, only buildings, lots and parcels of land (MGLc 40CSec.3). As the town is looking to make improvements on the roadway in front of the Community House, Cathy will go to the DPW and look at the plans. John suggested a marker for the southern end of the Green, in addition to the stone marker that is currently there.
4. Update regarding ongoing work at 664 Longmeadow St. – Sandy sent a letter to the new owner regarding the exterior work ongoing at 664 Longmeadow St. Although she did not receive a response, it appears that there are no changes being made.
5. Sandy had received an inquiry from a perspective buyer of 702 Longmeadow St. regarding the installation of a pool. It was noted that our Design Guidelines and Rules and Regulations have conflicting information in regards to pools in the Historic District; with one allowing and one restricting. It was determined that pools are not to be allowed but if they are not visible then it is outside of our jurisdiction. However, an application of non-applicability should be submitted for confirmation.

6. John noted that he has updated the bylaws and will look to get together with Tim for review. They will have to go before Town Meeting for approval.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09.