

Meeting Minutes Longmeadow
Historic District Commission
Tuesday, February 9, 2021

The Longmeadow Historic District Commission met on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 7:00pm via a Zoom video conference call.

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

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

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Old Business:

1. Minutes from the January 12, 2021 meeting were unanimously approved.
2. Columbia Gas update: Second application received this month. Nine applications are still outstanding.
3. The HDC voted unanimously to strike the current town by-law that governs HDC activity and replace it with the following:

2-805. Longmeadow Historic District Commission.

(a) The Historic Districts Act, Massachusetts General laws, Chapter 40C, governs the Historic District Commission. The Commission shall adopt rules and regulations for the conduct of its business that are not inconsistent with the provisions of the Historic Districts Act; or this By-Law, as the case may be. These rules and regulations will be on file with the Town Clerk.

(b) The purpose of this bylaw, as stated in the Historic Districts Act, Section 2, is to promote the educational, cultural, economic and general welfare of the public through the preservation and protection of the distinctive characteristics of buildings and places significant in the history of the commonwealth and its cities and towns or their architecture, and through the maintenance and improvement of settings for such buildings and places and the encouragement of design compatible therewith.

(c) There is hereby established under the provisions of the Historic Districts Act, as amended, a historic district to be known as the Longmeadow Historic District, bounded as shown on a map entitled "Plan Showing Longmeadow Historic District, Longmeadow, Massachusetts", map prepared by the Town Engineer attached to and made part of the by-laws, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk.

(d) As authorized by the Historic District Act, Section 4, the Town has authorized the appointment of seven full voting members and three alternate members. Appointments to be made per the Historic Districts Act. No member may serve on the Commission for more than two consecutive three year terms, nor more than three consecutive terms if either of the first two terms is for less than three years.

This by-law change had been adopted previously by the HDC back in 2019 and had passed the 2019 Annual Town Meeting. However, upon further review by the Attorney General's office, it was shown that an administrative error had occurred which nullified the rule (meeting minutes were not filed in a timely manner). Due to considerations resulting from the COVID-19 epidemic, Tim Casey had elected to leave this item off the 2020 town warrant and will now ask town meeting to consider the measure at the 2021 annual meeting.

New Business:

1. 012521 - Columbia Gas, 862 Longmeadow Street- Move gas meter from inside of house to the north side of the detached garage. The application was approved unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully
Submitted by
Diane Fisher, Clerk