

Meeting Minutes Longmeadow
Historic District Commission
Tuesday, April 13, 2021

The Longmeadow Historic District Commission met on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 7:00pm via a Zoom video conference call.

Present from the HDC were: [Tim Casey](#), [Clifford Scott](#), [Diane Fisher](#), [Bret Lukezic](#), [Jonathan Jordan](#), [Andrea Taupier](#), and [Robert Humberston](#). Absent were [Ryan Shanks](#), [Melissa McDonough](#), and [Carri Greenman](#). Also present were: [Lena Vellturo](#), [Marieke Burt](#), [Stephen Kennedy](#), [Earl Godfrey](#), [Betsy McKee](#), [Al McKee](#), [Harry Auerbach](#), [Paul Markarian](#), [Linda Markarian](#) and [Jeff Bednarz](#).

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

Public Comments: [Tim Casey](#) made one public comment to apologize for voting to table application 02221 at the last meeting. He should have abstained.

Old Business:

1. Minutes from the March 9, 2021 meeting were unanimously approved.
2. Columbia Gas update: No update. [Tim](#) will re-notice the outstanding property owners in the upcoming month.
3. 022221 - Town of Longmeadow, The Green- Install brackets, flag holders, and American flags on the street lamps surrounding the Green from Ely Road in the north to Bernie Road in the south.
 - a. [Tim](#) noted that there was no historical precedent in Longmeadow for putting flags on lampposts around the Green but other towns in New England had done this before so it was not entirely without historical precedent. He also noted that the bands that hold the holder to the post would be painted black to better blend in with the post. Next, he has asked the Town Manager to include in a press release that the flags around the green are to acknowledge the honorable service of our veterans and not a display of any sort of political nationalism. Finally, he noted that by approving the application, the HDC retains control of the look and feel of the flag holders while it denied the application, the town could elect to use a less desirable temporary solution to take up and put down every year.
 - b. [Lena Vellturo](#) noted that the flags would be flown from Memorial Day to the 4th of July and then on Veterans Day. She said this would make it more explicit that the flags were for Veterans

- c. Stephen Kennedy, Marieke Burt, Linda and Paul Markarian voiced opposition to the application arguing that it lacked historic precedent and that there were other more appropriate methods for honoring veterans.
- d. [Harry Auerbach](#) and Earl Godfrey voiced support for the application along with Lena saying that it was an appropriate way to honor veterans and it did not damage the historic aesthetic of the district.
- e. The application was approved by majority vote with Tim Casey, Diane Fisher, [Clifford Scott](#), Jonathan Jordan, [Andrea Taupier](#), Clifford Scott, and Robert Humberston abstaining.

New Business:

1. 032321 - Bay Path University, 577 Longmeadow Street- Install a new sign for the front lawn and a sign for the ramp on the south side of the house. The application was approved unanimously.
2. 032921 - Al and Betsy McKee, 60 Williams Street- Place a new shed on the east end of their property behind their barn. The application was approved unanimously.
3. Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully
Submitted by
Diane Fisher, Clerk