

Meeting Minutes Longmeadow
Historic District Commission
Tuesday, October 12, 2021

The Longmeadow Historic District Commission met on October 12, 2021 at 7:00pm in the Storrs Library Parking Lot.

Present from the HDC were: Tim Casey, Clifford Scott, and Andrea Taupier. Absent were Ryan Shanks, Diane Fisher, Bret Lukezic, Jonathan Jordan, and Robert Humberston. Also present was Jennifer Burritt.

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

Public Comments:

1. Diane Fisher announced that she intends to resign as clerk for the HDC. Tim has accepted her resignation and the HDC will choose a new clerk at its next meeting.
2. Town counsel conducted a training session on the open meeting law. Tim let the members of the HDC know that if they were unable to attend, they should contact the town administrative assistant for a copy of the recording.

Old Business:

1. Minutes from the September 14, 2021 meeting were unanimously approved.
2. The following is an update to First Church's inquiry about replacing their slate roof with an imitation slate metal roof.
 - a. After another round of internal discussion, First Church informed Tim that they do not intend to apply for the Sacred Trust grant and are instead going to apply to replace their slate roof with imitation slate metal roofing.
 - b. In response, Tim provided the church with the following criteria that would be required in order to consider their application:
 - i. Estimates for both slate and slate imitation metal roofing
 - ii. An explanation of the specific provisions of the National Sacred Trust's grant requirements the church would find difficult to fulfill and why.
 - iii. A detailed explanation of the damage the church is concerned about due to a delay in replacing the roof if they pursued grant funding. This funding would be available after October 2021.
 - iv. An analysis of the upkeep costs of a slate roof provided by Mahan and a copy of the "lifetime" warranty of the metal roof. Additionally, having an

- understanding of the costs associated with any warranty exceptions.
 - v. A plan with cost estimates for maintaining the look and feel as close to real slate as possible for the metal option.
 - vi. The presence of the metal roofing vendor at the meeting.
 - c. Tim proposed that the HDC evaluate this application in two phases that the HDC agreed to.
 - i. Would it be financially burdensome for the church to re-slate the current roof?
 - ii. Is the metal imitation roofing an appropriate material for the HDC?
 - d. All the members present agreed that if First Church was unable to answer the questions that Tim asked First Church on behalf of the HDC to the satisfaction of the HDC, it would be grounds for rejecting the forthcoming application.
3. Columbia Gas Update: No update.

New Business:

1. Demonstration of potential option(s) for replacing the fence behind 697 Longmeadow Street. Continued discussion from last meeting.
 - a. Jen Burritt informed the HDC that the demonstration pickett that she planned to provide for the HDC to review and discuss was accidentally disposed of before she could bring it to the meeting. She stated that she will have another demonstration piece fabricated and the Longmeadow Gardeners would file for a certificate of appropriateness that would be heard at the HDC November meeting.
2. Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully
Submitted by
Timothy Casey, Chair