

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

The Longmeadow Historic District Commission met on November 9, 2021 at 7:00 pm in the Greenwood Center.

Present from the HDC were: Diane Fisher, Brett Lukezic, Cliff Scott and Andrea Taupier. HDC members participating via Zoom were: Jonathan Jordan and Ryan Shanks. Others present were Jen Burritt, Craig Carr, David Marinelli, and Mary Rogeness.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.

Public Comments: None

Old Business:

1. Minutes from the October 12, 2021 meeting were unanimously approved.
2. Tim Casey shared via email, which was in turn shared during the meeting that First Church has decided to not seek an application to replace their slate roof with an imitation slate metal roof. They are instead going to go for grant funding through the national sacred trust to replace the roof and make other repairs to the exterior of the building.
3. Columbia Gas Update: No update

New Business:

1. Application 102521 - Longmeadow Gardeners, 697 Longmeadow Street - Remove the current wooden fence behind the building and replace it with an Azek (engineered polymer) fence of similar style that has been painted white, was unanimously approved with the following conditions:
 - a. Pickets shaped appropriately to mimic the existing pickets, or another appropriate historical representation.
 - b. Hard edges of Azek material "broken" through sanding, routing or similar effort.
 - c. Painted white to match the existing fence color.
 - d. Longmeadow Gardeners return to the HDC, before installation, with the final picket shape and color sample for review.
2. Historic District Commission members discussed the use of Azek and other similar non-traditional materials being used in areas within plain sight. Members agreed that the appearance of non-traditional materials have improved dramatically, and if shaped, milled and painted they may be considered, on a case-by-case basis, as appropriate for use within the Historic District.
3. Potential Eversource gas pipeline route through Historic District was discussed. Tim Casey shared via email, which was in turn shared during the meeting, that one of the proposed routes for the Proposed Western Massachusetts Gas Reliability Project would pass through the Historic District, beneath both Longmeadow and Williams Streets. Members were advised to review information regarding the project on the town's website

and participate in scheduled virtual open houses and a public forum scheduled for November 15, 2021.

4. Election of a new HDC Clerk. Members present decided to push action to the next scheduled meeting and Cliff Scott would complete minutes and other required Clerk actions.
5. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm