

APPROVED AS WRITTEN
Town of Fitzwilliam
Historic District Commission
Thursday, February 8, 2018
Meeting Minutes

Members Present: John Fitzwilliam, Chair; Eileen McHugh; Bill Davis; Marcia Camden

Others Present: Ross Tourigny; Tanton Mattson

Members Absent: Ken Beckwith, Vice Chair;

CTO: 4:04 pm.

Borowski Application. 4:05 pm.

Tourigny presented the application to the Board on behalf of the applicant.

Tourigny discussed with the Commissioners the dimensions of the property and that the shed would be mobile, if in case it needed to be moved. Camden asked about the placement of the shed and Tourigny explained the proposed location on the maps he provided. Camden then asked about the porch, and Tourigny responded that the applicant would like a porch, running along the side of her home, which would allow another point of safe egress. McHugh asked what may be visible from the street and Tourigny explained that most of it should not be in view, but what is should not be too visually obtrusive.

Fitzwilliam asked the Commissioners for any further discussion regarding the shed. Fitzwilliam moved, Davis motioned, McHugh seconded, and the Commissioners unanimously agreed to permit the proposed shed on the property.

For the porch, Fitzwilliam asked the Commissioners if there was any further discussion and then moved, McHugh motioned, Fitzwilliam seconded, and the Commissioners agreed unanimously to allow the proposed porch on the property.

Mattson Application. 4:15 pm.

Mattson explained the details of the renovation to his newly acquired property at 22 Richmond Road. The Commissioners noted that this house had previously been a concern of theirs, due to its apparent deterioration over the past years, and were happy to see someone had bought it and is taking interest in preserving the historic property.

The Commissioners discussed interior renovations with the applicant. McHugh asked Mattson if the property was structurally sound. Mattson replied that to the best of his knowledge, it is, and that he has inspected for various forms of rot and insects and has been fortunate to find so little. Mattson noted that he is aware of a 10 x 10 beam that has sunken 3/4 of an inch and that

he has plans to rectify the issue. Mattson further explained that there are characteristics of the home he plans to preserve, such as the front door.

The Commissioners also asked about how the exterior of the building may be altered and the Mattson responded that he will not be changing the roof considering it is newer. Mattson explained his wife is responsible for choosing the house color and expects she will keep with its current mustard yellow, which the Commissioner's approve of.

Fitzwilliam asked the Commissioners if there were any final questions or comments. Fitzwilliam then moved, Davis motioned, McHugh seconded, and the Commissioners agreed unanimously to accept the renovations to the property.

Minutes from 11/16/17. 4:38 pm.

Fitzwilliam motioned, Camden seconded, and the Commissioners agreed unanimously to accept the minutes as written.

Demolition Delay. 4:43 pm.

The Commissioners discussed the handout provided about Demolition Delay and its potential application in Fitzwilliam. The Commissioners responded that they felt a Demolition Delay could be beneficial in Fitzwilliam and noted that they may be more in favor of a delay of 60 or 90 days, rather than 30 days, considering Fitzwilliam can be a slow town to accomplish projects.

Grants. 4:54 pm.

The Board listed potential recipients for grants in Fitzwilliam, of which have historic/cultural significance and are in need of such funds:

- The Historical Society
 - Noted that it has received volunteer work in the past; in need of exterior renovations
- Laurel Lake School House #3
 - Noted that it is owned by an individual
- Baptist Church
 - Small congregation; historic church; in desperate need of renovations, particularly to the steeple and finials
- Catholic Church
 - Noted that it is privately owned
- Fitzwilliam Street Directional Sign
 - In need of sandblasting and painting before rusting gets too far along
- Railings around the common
 - Typically done by the Common Committee; in need to painting and replacing several posts

Fitzwilliam moved, Camden motioned, Fitzwilliam seconded, and the Commissioners unanimously agreed to adjourn at 5:20 pm