

**Town of Fitzwilliam
Historic District Commission
Meeting Minutes
July 9, 2020**

Members Present: John Fitzwilliam, Chairman; Bill Davis; Marcia Camden; and Dan Baker, Selectman's Representative.

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Lori Nolan, Land Use Coordinator

Others Present: Kim Barbieri; Steven Short; and Earl Schofield

Call To Order The Chairman opened the meeting at 4:00.

The commission met with **Kim Barbieri** [Map 32, Lot 43] regarding the painting of the exterior of the house. Ms. Barbieri explained that the house was rebuilt in 2004. She explained that the house is currently mostly painted due to a schedule opening by the painting company. She then passed around the color sample booklet showing the selected color for house (Williamsburg blue) and trim (white).

Marcia Camden commented that she had no problem with the colors. Bill Davis liked the color and Chairman Fitzwilliam was totally fine with it.

Mr. Davis motioned to accept the proposal as written with no conditions. Ms. Camden seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Yes: 4 [Fitzwilliam, David, Camden, Baker]; No: 0; Abstained: 0

Ms. Barbieri then asked the Commission if they were aware of the history of the brook in the back of her property. After a brief discussion, the Commission advised Ms. Barbieri to make contact with Bob Corrette who may have further information.

At this time, the applicant leaves the meeting.

Mr. Baker updated the Commission about the transfer station hours.

The Commission then met with **Steven Short** [Map 32, Lot 42] regarding construction of a 14' x 24' shed with a 8' x 24' enclosed lean-to on the rear portion of his property. Mr. Short explained that they will obtain a red shed from Cheshire Shed and will be a similar color as that of the house and Frank Massin's house. The location will be 200' from the road and a minimum of 50' from the side lot line and will be built on a slab.

Ms. Camden asked if the shed would be visible from the road. Mr. Short indicated it would not be. Chairman Fitzwilliam commented that red is a good color choice.

Ms. Camden motioned to accept the proposal as written with no conditions. Mr. Davis seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Yes: 4 [Fitzwilliam, David, Camden, Baker]; No: 0; Abstained: 0

The Commission next met with **Earl Schofield** [Map 33, Lot 24] regarding the renovation of the fence in front of the residence. Mr. Schofield explained that the first section of the fence, half of it is about 10-12" higher. He will use cinder blocks to build a retaining wall of sorts to make the fence level in height. The posts will be installed on the road side to be more aesthetically pleasing and will paint it white to match the house. He commented that the large amount of water run-off is causing the fence to lean currently, but will do work to avoid further issues. Ms. Camden suggested putting crushed stone below to create a base, then install sand.

Mr. Davis asked if Mr. Schofield will utilize the same fence. Mr. Schofield indicated the same fence will be used but with different posts. Mr. Schofield then asked if the proposed posts were acceptable. Chairman Fitzwilliam replied in the affirmative, indicating that they will color over time.

Ms. Camden asked if the cinder blocks would be visible from the road. Mr. Schofield answered no.

Ms. Camden motioned to accept the proposal as written with no conditions. Mr. Davis seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Yes: 4 [Fitzwilliam, David, Camden, Baker]; No: 0; Abstained: 0

The Commission continued their appointment with **Earl Schofield** [Map 33, Lot 24] but moved to the next proposal regarding the replacement of an existing sunroom with an updated, unheated sunroom. Mr. Schofield explained that there is a lot of damage and the existing sunroom has structural integrity issues. He further commented that it will not be visible from the road or neighbors and will be white in color. Chairman Fitzwilliam commented that this is a low impact project with no visibility from the road. Ms. Camden added that she had no problem with the proposal. Mr. Schofield commented that he hopes this helps continue the 1839 house as the bones are in great condition. He is also looking to put up shutters again after the replacement of the roof. Ms. Camden suggested contacting Dennis Wright, a painter, who is a good contact for shutters.

Ms. Camden asked how metal roofs fit into the Historic District guidelines. Chairman Fitzwilliam commented that he does not like them. Mr. Davis added that the metal roofs that look like slate are good.

Ms. Camden motioned to accept the proposal as written with no conditions. Mr. Davis seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Yes: 4 [Fitzwilliam, David, Camden, Baker]; No: 0; Abstained: 0

Mr. Schofield concluded his appointment saying he hopes to complete by the end of July. At this time, he leaves the meeting.

Mr. Davis raised concern about the barn being built on Richmond Road [Map 32, Lot 17] did not receive HDC permission. After a brief discussion, it was determined they did receive HDC permission.

The commission then reviewed the minutes from May 14, 2020. **Ms. Camden motioned to approve the minutes as written. Chairman Fitzwilliam seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

Yes: 4 [Fitzwilliam, David, Camden, Baker]; No: 0; Abstained: 0

Old Business

Ms. Camden asked if there was an update to trashy yards. Mr. Davis brought up 345 NH Route 119 and how there is an old Honda, a Corvette, two trailers, and a car with weeds all around it with flat tires. Ms. Camden mentioned the perpetual yard sale on the corner of NH Route 119 and Royalston Road. The LUC explained that the BoS referred the issue to the Planning Board for their attention. Selectman Baker further explained that the BoS have been working on it for the past few months. The state regulations are difficult to enforce. They are looking to work with the homeowner and then target specific problematic homes. However, there is the issue of farm equipment that may be only used one day per year. This is a long term project and will included a need for funds for legal fees. At this point, they need to speak with other boards, but ultimately it should go to ballot. Ms. Camden asked about junk cars in relation to water and if the EPA should be involved. Selectman Baker indicated that there is no evidence of anything leaking.

Chairman Fitzwilliam brought up how the HDC have low number of members right now as Claire Borowski is resigning from the Commission. Selectman Baker indicated that he will look to find new members.

With no further business to discuss, **Mr. Davis motioned to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Fitzwilliam seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

Yes: 4 [Fitzwilliam, David, Camden, Baker]; No: 0; Abstained: 0

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Nolan
Land Use Coordinator

Minutes approved as written on August 13, 2020.