

**Town of Fitzwilliam
Historic District Commission
Minutes
April 14, 2022**

Members Present: John Fitzwilliam, Chairman; Bill Davis; Pat Deyo; Ken Beckwith; and JEF Craig, Selectmen's Representative.

Members Absent: Marcia Camden.

Staff Present: Lori Nolan, Land Use Coordinator.

Others Present: John Whelan; Isaac Morse.

Call To Order The Chairman called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

Marilyn Ortega Nominee Trust (John Whelan) – to permit an 8x16 foot shed on the side of the lot with paint color to match the primary dwelling at 50 Upper Troy Road. [Map 33, Lot 16 – Residential District]

John Whelan explained to the Commission that he would like to install an 8x16 foot shed to store his tractor. It will be located 16 feet from the property line on a concrete slab. French doors will be on the side facing away from the street. The side with a window will face the street. The siding will be polygem, a composite material, and will be painted to match the house. If polygem is not allowed, then Mr. Whelan proposes pine clapboards.

Ken Beckwith asked how long this will take to build. Mr. Whelan planned to cut down the large pine tree between him and the Pine's property on May 14. Then the shed would be built. It is expected to take about one week to build.

Pat Deyo motioned to approval the 8x16 foot storage shed at 50 Upper Troy Road as presented, subject to the following condition. Bill Davis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Yes: 4 [Fitzwilliam; Davis; Deyo; Beckwith]; No: 0; Abstained: 0

Condition:

Siding must be either Hardy Board or cedar clapboard siding.

New Business

The Commission welcomed Isaac Morse to the meeting. Mr. Morse is a new resident to town and is visiting different groups to see how he can help and contribute to town. The Commission recommended to the BoS that Isaac Morse be a member of the Historic District Commission.

Mr. Davis asked when the Blake House shed would be installed. He suggested asking Turnkey to assist in delivery.

Minute Review

Mr. Deyo motioned to accept the minutes of February 22, 2022 as written. Mr. Beckwith seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Yes: 4 [Fitzwilliam; Davis; Deyo; Beckwith]; No: 0; Abstained: 0

Old Business

Mr. Craig gave the Commission an update on ARPA funds. The Town has received \$162,000 to date and they anticipate receiving approximately \$150,000 more in the summer. So far, they have allocated \$25,000 to a police cruiser. Mr. Deyo wanted to look at strategic long term projects. The community forum discussed the need for advertising to create town buzz and to tie in the various departments and groups in town.

Mr. Craig also updated the Commission about the potential Town Hall roof project. Several leaks were fixed a few years ago but there currently is an active leak. At this point, the BoS is reviewing both replacement and repair options. Mr. Morse has a contact in Fitchburg who wants to give away a large amount of slate. Mr. Fitzwilliam felt the slate is the cheap part, and the installation is what is expensive. The Commission questioned

why a full replacement would be needed after less than 40 years. They would like to see more details on the specs. Mr. Craig said they are not in the weeds yet. The purple (used on roof) and green is better slate than the black powdery slate. He will continue to keep the Commission updated.

With no other business to discuss, **Mr. Davis motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Beckwith seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

Yes: 4 [Fitzwilliam; Davis; Beckwith; Deyo]; No: 0; Abstained: 0

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Nolan
Land Use Coordinator

Minutes approved as written on June 9, 2022.