

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

Members present: John Fitzwilliam, Chairman, Marcia Camden, Ken Beckwith, and JEF Craig, Selectmen's Representative.

Members Absent: Bill Davis, and Lori Nolan, Land Use Coordinator

Others Present: Marianne van Valkenburg, Charles Kenison, and Barbara Young

Call to Order: The Chairman called the meeting to order at 3:59 PM.

Marianne van Valkenburg- to permit the construction of a 16 X 22-foot deck at 9 Rhododendron Road (Map 30, lot 7 – Residential District)

Ms. Van Valkenburg and her contractor shared their plans for a deck that would be added to the rear of her home. 2" X 8" girders would top sauna tube formed cement pilings. Treks decking and composite rails would be used for the deck surface and railings. The deck will hardly be seen by the road.

Mr. Fitzwilliam motioned to approve the 16 X 22-foot deck on the rear of the residence at 9 Rhododendron Road, as presented, subject to no conditions. Marcia Camden seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Yes: 3 (Fitzwilliam, Camden, Beckwith), No: 0, Abstained: 0

Ms. van Valkenburg expressed it was important to her to know the outcome of the Selectmen's approval of the construction permit as soon as possible. Mr. Craig indicated he would call her to inform her of the decision of the Selectmen following their meeting in the week ahead.

Charles Kenison – to permit the instillation of roof mounted solar on the garage at 98 Rhododendron Road (Map 11, Lot 20 – Residential District)

Mr. Kenison shared his plan to install roof mounted solar to his garage. The panels would be approximately 12' X 16' in dimension and face Rhododendron Road. If the panels produce appropriately this would be the first phase of a two- phase system. Mr. Kension shared that he had no option on his property for a ground mounted system.

There was mention of the property being on the edge of the Historic District. Mr. Beckwith indicated there is existing precedent within the village. **Mr. Fitzwilliam indicated that he wished it was installed in a way that was less obtrusive but went on to motion to approve the instillation of roof mounted solar on the garage at 98 Rhododendron Road with no conditions. Mr. Beckwith seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.** Yes: 3 (Fitzwilliam, Camden, Beckwith) No: 0, Abstained: 0

Town of Fitzwilliam Master Plan

Barbara Young, member of the Planning Board and Master Plan Steering Committee was not on the agenda but was recognized by the Commission to talk with them about the Commission's input to the Town of Fitzwilliam's Master Plan. Barbara has been charged by the Master Planning Steering Committee of writing the section of the Mater Plan dealing with the Historic District Commission long range goals and how the Commission plans to accomplish those goals. She shared it will be important that the Commission keep those goals in front of them as they conduct business, and the Planning Board will need to monitor activity of the Commission toward addressing those goals. It was suggested that the Commission as part of upcoming agendas review the goals, determine generally how they will reach toward accomplishing the goals, and what collaboration will be needed with other Boards, Commissions, and Committees. Following this process, the Commission will meet with Barbara and/ or the Steering Committee to report on their findings.

Minutes Review:

Marcia Camden motioned to approve the minutes of June 9, 2022, John Fitzwilliam seconded the motion and it passed. Yes: 2 (Fitzwilliam, and Camden), No: 0, Abstained: 1 (Beckwith).

Town Hall roof update:

Mr. Craig reported that no decision has yet been made about which contractor to award the overall roof repair to. A.L. Johnson representatives are currently exploring two active leak areas in the roof with the goal of addressing them immediately so that no further damage to the upper hall ceiling occurs.

With no other business to discuss, **Mr. Beckwith motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Camden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously:** Yes 3 (Fitzwilliam, Camden, Beckwith), No: 0, Abstained: 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

J.E.F. Craig
Selectmen's Representative

Minutes approved as written on September 8, 2022.