

**Town of Fitzwilliam
Historic District Commission
Minutes
September 8, 2022**

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

Members Absent: Marcia Camden

Staff Present: Lori Nolan, Land Use Coordinator.

Others Present: Ron Heroux; Brooke Snowling; Gretchen Wittenborg; Dan Fougere; and Lyndsay Whitaker.

Call to Order: The Chairman called the meeting to order at 4:02pm.

Todd and Brooke Snowling – to permit a 36x24 foot barn to be moved onto the property at 39 Templeton Turnpike [Map 15, Lot 60-1 – Residential District]. The barn is currently erected on the abutting property at 31 Templeton Turnpike.

Brooke Snowling explained the proposal. The barn will be moved from the abutting property onto her property.

Bill Davis motioned to approve a 36x24 foot barn to be moved onto the property at 39 Templeton Turnpike [Map 15, Lot 60-1 – Residential District]. Ken Beckwith seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Yes: 3 [Fitzwilliam; Davis; Beckwith]; No: 0; Abstained: 0

Dan Fougere – to permit construction of a new single family dwelling (cape) at NH Route 119 West. [Map 34, Lot 2-2 - Residential District]

Dan Fougere presented the plans for the house and the site plan. He will clear the property of brush to expose the stone wall. The dwelling will not have a garage, but there is enough room to add one later. He showed potential paint colors from the Benjamin Moore historic color line. He was in favor of a blueish gray color with white trim. The Commission was agreeable to any of the colors submitted on the paint chips.

Mr. Beckwith motioned to approve construction of a new single family dwelling (cape) at NH Route 119 West. [Map 34, Lot 2-2 - Residential District] as presented. Mr. Davis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Yes: 3 [Fitzwilliam; Davis; Beckwith]; No: 0; Abstained: 0

Eric Delaney – to permit construction of a new single family dwelling (16x20 foot log cabin) at NH Route 119 West. [Map 32, Lot 2-1 – Residential District]

The applicant requested the appointment be moved to the following meeting in October.

Lyndsay Whitaker – to permit a six foot tall wooden yard fence at 18 NH Route 119 West. [Map 34, Lot 5 – Residential District]

Lyndsay Whitaker presented and showed photos of possible fence styles. She proposed a road side wooden fence and a black chain link fence along the tree line. The fence would encompass the yard to allow the safety of her dog and children when playing. She proposed a six foot fence in height, stained white.

Mr. Fitzwilliam understood the need for a fence. Mr. Davis had concerns over the height with a solid fence, which would block the house. He asked if four feet in height would work. Ms. Whitaker indicated that five feet is in the minimum as her dog can clear a 5-6 foot fence. The Commission was okay with the black chain link fence along the tree line.

Mr. Beckwith motioned to approve the proposal of a white stained fence, five feet in height, as pictured in the application, subject to conditions. Mr. Davis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
Yes: 3 [Fitzwilliam; Davis; Beckwith]; No: 0; Abstained: 0

Conditions:

1. The portion of the fence that is visible must be a wooden fence, five feet maximum in height.
2. The portion of the fence that is along the tree line may be a black chain link fence, six feet maximum in height.
3. The wooden fence is to be stained white.

Gretchen Wittenborg – to permit a back yard chain link fence at 94 Richmond Road. [Map 15, Lot 2 – Residential District]

Gretchen Wittenborg presented stating that she must install a chain link fence at her property. The fence will not be seen from the road due to the topography. A tiny piece of it will be visible where it will touch the garage once the brush over-growth has been cleared. The topography is rocky with a steep grade. She was unsure of the exact fence line due to the land make-up (rocks), but showed the approximate and preferred location. She requires a chain link fence due to the size of her dogs. The fence will be five feet in height and will be green in color.

Mr. Davis motioned to permit a back yard chain link fence at 94 Richmond Road. [Map 15, Lot 2 – Residential District], as presented. Mr. Beckwith seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Yes: 3 [Fitzwilliam; Davis; Beckwith]; No: 0; Abstained: 0

Ms. Wittenborg next presented her plan to replace the carriage house roof and the screen room in-kind. Mr. Fitzwilliam explained that in-kind repairs and replacements do not require Historic District Commission review.

Melissa Varnum – to permit a 16x32 foot above-ground pool at 96 Upper Troy Road. [Map 15, Lot 7-2 – Residential District]

Bob Varnum presented explaining they are proposing a 4 foot high above-ground pool. It will be 16x32 feet, including a deck around it. He then showed photos of the back yard. Mr. Fitzwilliam stated that the pool will not be able to be seen from the road and is an accessory item.

Mr. Beckwith motioned to permit a 16x32 foot above-ground pool at 96 Upper Troy Road. [Map 15, Lot 7-2 – Residential District] as presented. Mr. Davis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Yes: 3 [Fitzwilliam; Davis; Beckwith]; No: 0; Abstained: 0

New Business

New Membership

Mr. Davis motioned to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that Ron Heroux be appointed to the Historic District Commission as a member. Mr. Beckwith seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Yes: 3 [Fitzwilliam; Davis; Beckwith]; No: 0; Abstained: 0

Mr. Fitzwilliam motioned to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that Isaac Morse be appointed to the Historic District Commission as an alternate member. Mr. Beckwith seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Yes: 3 [Fitzwilliam; Davis; Beckwith]; No: 0; Abstained: 0

Minutes Review

Mr. Beckwith motioned to approve the minutes of July 14, 2022 as written. Mr. Davis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Yes: 3 [Fitzwilliam; Davis; Beckwith]; No: 0; Abstained: 0

Mr. Beckwith motioned to approve the minutes of August 11, 2022 as written. Mr. Davis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Yes: 3 [Fitzwilliam; Davis; Beckwith]; No: 0; Abstained: 0

Old Business:

Town Hall update - Mr. Craig informed the members that the leak in the roof has been patched. It was not related to the steeple replacement. The entire roof will be repaired. An application for a LCHIP grant has been submitted, with news on the awarding of the grant in November. Work on the roof is expected to take place in the spring. Mr. Craig also informed the Commission that the ceiling in the Land Use office has been completed. Caleb Massin did great work on the repair at a reasonable price. There were not alternative bids with vendors with plaster understanding.

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

Yes: 3 [Fitzwilliam; Davis; Beckwith]; No: 0; Abstained: 0

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Nolan

Land Use Coordinator

Minutes approved as amended on October 13, 2022.