

**Town of Fitzwilliam
Historic District Commission
Minutes
October 13, 2022**

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

Members Absent: Ken Beckwith

Staff Present: Lori Nolan, Land Use Coordinator.

Others Present: Ron Heroux; Isaac Morse; and Ben Thomas.

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

Eric Delaney – Consultation for new construction of a single-family dwelling with a log style look at Route 119 West. [Map 32, Lot 2.1 – Residential District]

This appointment was cancelled as this person did not purchase the property.

Benjamin and Katharine Thomas – to permit a 5x22 foot addition to an existing barn and installation of roof-mounted solar on the southwest side of the existing barn roof at 17 Richmond Road. [Map 32, Lot 12 – Residential District]

Ben Thomas explained that he would like to build a woodshed off of the existing barn. It would be 5x22 feet in size and would be a bump-out on the right side of the barn. Ms. Camden felt the proposal fits in with the time period. Mr. Fitzwilliam felt it is a well-executed proposal.

Mr. Thomas then explained he would like to install roof-mounted solar panels on the southwest side of the barn roof. This roof is on the side and not facing the common. Mr. Craig asked the number of panels. Mr. Thomas replied there will be 20-25 panels. He will remove the slate shingles where the panels will be and put up asphalt shingles. The slate will remain where the panels are not. Mr. Davis commented that he does not like solar and does not feel it fits in with the historic character. Mr. Thomas felt this plan will be less offensive than the roof-mounted solar across the street.

Ms. Camden motioned to approve the proposal for a 5x22 foot wood shed and for roof-mounted solar built and installed on the existing barn at 17 Richmond Road. Mr. Fitzwilliam seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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

New Business

Log Cabins: The Commission held a high level discussion around log cabins within the Historic District. Overall, the Commission was not favorable to that style, but it would be determined on a case-by-case basis.

Marcia Camden: Ms. Camden updated the Commission stating that she is under agreement to transfer land to her two adjacent neighbors. Her property will become three acres in size once the boundary lines have been adjusted.

Minutes Review

After a brief discussion and one minor edit, **Mr. Fitzwilliam motioned to approve the minutes of September 8, 2022 as amended. Mr. Davis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

Old Business:

ARPA update: Mr. Craig informed the members about what has been allocated so far with the ARPA funds. Some of the allocation depends on if we are awarded a LCHIP grant for repairs to the Town Hall. The Commission requested written updates for future ARPA updates.

Meadowood: Mr. Craig gave a brief explanation of its status.

Guidelines: It was requested that this topic be added to the next agenda.

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:46pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Nolan

Land Use Coordinator

Minutes approved as written on November 10, 2022.