

**Town of Fitzwilliam
Historic District Commission
Minutes
May 11, 2023**

Members Present: John Fitzwilliam, Chairman; Ken Beckwith; Ron Heroux; and Brian Doerpholz, Selectmen's Representative.

Members Absent: Bill Davis; and Isaac Morse.

Staff Present: Lori Nolan, Land Use Coordinator.

Others Present: Sandy Parsons.

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

Appointments

Sandy Parsons – to permit a 6x6 foot farm stand at 49 Richmond Road. [Map 32, Lot 17 – Residential District]

Mr. Fitzwilliam welcomed Ms. Parsons to the meeting. Ms. Parsons explained that she would like to open a farm stand at her house to sell flowers, goodies, vegetables, and other items. It would be 6x6x7 feet in size and will be built on skids to allow the stand to be removed for winter. The stand will be located on the driveway leading to the barn. Refrigeration is needed so an extension cord will run from the barn to the stand. The hours will be dawn to dusk, but she will have a motion sensor solar powered light.

The Commission felt this design would fit in well in the neighborhood with the rustic design.

Mr. Heroux motioned to approve the 6x6 foot farm stand as presented at 49 Richmond Road [Map 32, Lot 17], subject to no conditions. Mr. Beckwith seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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

New Business

Wooden Façade Fan: Mr. Fitzwilliam showed the Commission an old façade fan that was removed from "The Block" building. The presented fan is original to the house from 1809. He will refurbish and reinstall. Mr. Fitzwilliam commented that he is looking for a door from the same period or a suitable insulated paneled door.

NH Preservation Alliance: Ms. Nolan explained there are webinars and events offered through NH Preservation that may be of interest to the group.

Minutes Review

Mr. Heroux motioned to approve the minutes of March 9, 2023 as written. Mr. Beckwith seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Old Business:

Guidelines: Mr. Heroux felt that the boundaries of the Historic District should be reviewed again as the Depot area has lots of history and old architecture that should be preserved. Mr. Fitzwilliam agreed. Ms. Nolan commented that the boundaries were decided at Annual Town Meeting. The Master Plan has recommended a full review of the zoning boundaries. She suggested that the Historic District be involved in the zoning district review. Mr. Doerpholz commented that historic preservation is important to the residents, as depicted from the Master Plan feedback. Zoning districts review is important as there have been a number of zoning variances issued, especially along the Route 12 corridor. The Commission then discussed the structures in the Depot and its history to Fitzwilliam. The Commission asked Ms. Nolan to put together a short flyer on the benefits of being in the Historic District.

The remainder of the guideline review was deferred to the next meeting.

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:33pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Nolan

Land Use Coordinator

Minutes approved as amended on July 13, 2023.