

**Town of Fitzwilliam
Historic District Commission
June 8, 2023**

Members Present: John Fitzwilliam, Chairman; Bill Davis; Ken Beckwith; and Ron Heroux.

Members Absent: Isaac Morse, Alternate; and Brian Doerpholz, Selectmen's Representative

Staff Present: Marion Wheeler in place of Lori Nolan, Land Use Coordinator

Others Present: Sarah Short and Amanda Blicharz

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

Minutes: None to review

Steven and Sarah Short- to permit a roof replacement using synthetic slate at 32 NH Route 119 West [Map 32, Lot 42-Residential District]

Mr. Fitzwilliam welcomed Sarah Short to the meeting. Ms. Short explained that with the water leakage they experienced at their home last year, she and her husband re-sided and painted their home hoping to alleviate the problem. That was not the issue and now they are looking at a new roof. Presently they have wood shingles. She stated that wood shingles are too expensive and not as durable, with Mr. Fitzwilliam pointing out it is also a fire hazard. They are not interested in asphalt and replacing the slate is very expensive. An alternative, she thought, would be synthetic slate. She brought along a sample, in Federal Gray, to share and indicated that this holds a 50 year warranty. They plan to add copper drip edge and the work will be done by Johnson Roofing. The slate looks good up close and when installed, the color will vary just enough to replicate the original slate. Members had a chance to take a close up look at the sample and to see how the texture is.

Mr. Beckwith made a motion to approve the roof replacement at 32 NH Route 119 West [Map 32, Lot 42 – Residential District] Bill Davis seconded. Motion passed unanimously and enthusiastically.

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

Timothy and Amanda Blicharz- to permit a 6x6 foot entry door overhang at 17 Upper Troy Rd [Map 32, Lot 29-Residential district].

Amanda Blicharz was welcomed to the meeting. She explained the side door on the left of the house does not have an adequate overhang, which makes it challenging during inclement weather. This is the side that is not visible from the road. Their plan is to construct something more permanent and attractive. She provided a sketch of their idea to the committee. They are in the process of getting quotes at this time. She added that they are looking at various styles and are open to columns. Mr. Fitzwilliam suggested they look at some of the neighboring homes for ideas. Mr. Davis asked if they would be using traditional materials with Ms. Blicharz replying the door is presently fiberglass but they will opt for wood if necessary.

Mr. Beckwith made a motion to approve the entry door overhang at 17 Upper Troy Rd [Map 32, Lot 29-Residential District] Ron Heroux seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Davis indicated that he has a major beef with the work being done at **Map 31 Lot 4**; a project that has never been brought before this commission. The original soffits and siding is being covered over with a green sheathing and the chimney area is a fire hazard. Mr. Fitzwilliam suggested checking to see if a building permit has been issued. Mr. Davis would like to know how non-compliance gets enforced. Debbie Favreau was asked to join the meeting. Mr. Davis explained the situation; with Ms. Favreau checking to see if a permit has been issued, and reported back that there has not. She then explained the process of enforcement, which starts with a friendly letter. If the resident doesn't conform then a cease and desist letter is sent. She stated she will start the process.

Mr. Davis also brought up the property at **Map 28 Lot 12**. This property is littered with trash, is a complete eyesore, and a health hazard. He added that it appears vacant. Mr. Heroux suggested having a wellness check done by the Police.

With no other business to discuss, Mr. Beckwith made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second by Mr. Davis. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Wheeler for Lori Nolan

Land Use Coordinator

Minutes approved as written on July 13, 2023.