

**Town of Fitzwilliam  
Historic District Commission  
Minutes  
November 9, 2023**

**Members Present:** John Fitzwilliam, Chairman; Bill Davis; Ken Beckwith; and Isaac Morse.

**Members Absent:** Ron Heroux.

**Staff Present:** Lori Nolan, Land Use Coordinator.

**Others Present:** Tom Rothermel; Scott Schuster; and Erika Wright.

**Call to Order:** The Chairman called the meeting to order at 4:00pm. With one member absent, Mr. Morse was seated as a voting member.

**Appointments**

Phillip and Reuel Walling – to permit construction of a side/rear screened patio at 62 Templeton Turnpike. [Map 31, Lot 16 – Residential District]

Mr. Fitzwilliam welcomed Tom Rothermel, carpenter representing Ms. Walling, to the meeting. Mr. Rothermel explained that Ms. Walling would like to install a 12x21 foot screened patio off the existing building. It will be built on sono tubes and the existing concrete would be removed. It will have four windows and one door, all facing the neighbor's house. The windows will be 12.5 feet high and will follow the roof line. They also want to replace the hay door with a window on the existing building. The building is 120 feet from the road. The only portion that is visible from the road are windows from the porch. The colors will be white with a black metal roof.

The Commission felt this was a good looking and thoughtful design.

**Mr. Beckwith motioned to approve the 12x21 foot screened patio at 62 Templeton Turnpike as presented, subject to no conditions. [Map 31, Lot 16 – Residential District]. Mr. Davis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

Scott and Lecia Schuster – to permit After-the-Fact construction of two sheds at 78 Lower Troy Road. [Map 33, Lot 28 – Residential District]

Mr. Fitzwilliam welcomed Scott Schuster, property owner, to the meeting. Mr. Schuster explained they have built two sheds (8x16 and 10x16 feet). They were not aware of any required permits/approvals and are here to rectify the issues. The sheds are made of eastern white pine. Once the wood has seasoned, they plan to stain them brown with red trim. There is no electricity in them now and they are unsure if they will add it in the future.

**Mr. Beckwith motioned to approve the After-the-Fact construction of two sheds at 78 Lower Troy Road. [Map 33, Lot 28 – Residential District] as presented, subject to no conditions. Mr. Morse seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

Erika Wright – to permit the repair and replacement of siding on an existing garage at 21 Lower Troy Road. [Map 33, Lot 22 – Residential District]

Mr. Fitzwilliam welcomed Erika Wright, property owner, to the meeting. Ms. Wright explained that she would like to reside the garage with vertical shiplap on all sides. The garage currently has numerous siding styles. She will make the color a darker shade of the house.

**Mr. Beckwith motioned to approve the repair and replacement of siding on an existing garage at 21 Lower Troy Road. [Map 33, Lot 22 – Residential District] as presented, subject to no conditions. Mr. Davis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

### **Old Business**

Mr. Davis requested that the BoS address the bureaucratic wrestling and games that the property owner at 148 NH Route 119 West is playing. The owner gave no indication that they will address any of the issues until the BoS take action. Mr. Fitzwilliam agreed and felt that the distressed property is losing its historic appeal. Mr. Morse wanted to be careful about precedent because if one is let go, then they all go.

### **Minutes Review**

**Mr. Beckwith motioned to approve the minutes of July 13, 2023 as written. Mr. Fitzwilliam seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

### **Guidelines:**

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: 4 [Fitzwilliam; Davis; Beckwith; Morse]; No: 0; Abstained: 0

The meeting was adjourned at 4:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Nolan

Land Use Coordinator

**Minutes approved as written on March 14, 2024.**