

**Town of Fitzwilliam  
Historic District Commission  
Minutes  
March 14, 2024**

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

**Members Absent:** Isaac Morse.

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

**Others Present:** Tim Parsons and Sandy Parsons.

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

**Appointments**

Sandy Parsons – to permit an 18 x 36 foot high tunnel greenhouse at 49 Richmond Road. [Map 32, Lot 17 – Residential District]

Mr. Fitzwilliam welcomed Tim and Sandy Parsons to the meeting. S. Parsons explained they would like to install an 18x36 foot greenhouse behind their house. It will not be visible from the road.

Mr. Heroux made mention of the guidelines and asked if this proposal is consistent with them. T. Parsons explained that the house was built in the 1960's so there is no historic nature to the house. The greenhouse will also not be visible from the street.

S. Parsons stated that the greenhouse will use poly coated plastic, which extends the life of the material. There will be beams inside to support the structure from wind and snow. It will have electricity but water will be provided from the house through use of a garden hose. T. Parsons showed the Commission a Google Earth photo to show the aerial location of the greenhouse. He explained there are grants available but there are specific requirements so that the structure will last the test of time.

Mr. Davis felt this proposal was acceptable due to the age of the house, the greenhouse not being visible from the street, and the neighbors being shielded from view of it due to vegetation. Mr. Fitzwilliam agreed and mentioned this is not permanent architecture.

**Mr. Heroux motioned to approve the 18 x 36 foot high tunnel greenhouse for Tim and Sandy Parsons at 49 Richmond Road [Map 32, Lot 17 – Residential District] as presented, subject to no conditions. Mr. Beckwith seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

**Old Business**

Mr. Davis requested that the BoS address the work being done at 148 NH Route 119 West. It appears that all work has stopped. This property is setting a precedent for not only the District but the entire town. With the building season starting and a legal fund setup, now is the time for action. Mr. Davis questioned the point of the Commission if there is no enforcement. He felt the repairs being done are beyond in-kind, specifically the soffits and architecture details missing. The owner gave no indication that they will address any of the issues until the BoS take action.

Mr. Davis also asked about the house on the corner of Route 119 West and Angier Road. The property is a mess with trash everywhere. Mr. Davis requested again that there be a Selectman present at the next meeting.

**Minutes Review**

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

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

**New Business**

Mr. Heroux asked to review the boundaries of the Historic District. The LUC is to provide the Commission with mapping to help with the review.

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:43pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Nolan

Land Use Coordinator

**Minutes approved as written on April 15, 2024.**