

**Town of Fitzwilliam  
Historic District Commission  
Minutes  
April 11, 2024**

**Members Present:** John Fitzwilliam, Chairman; Bill Davis; Ken Beckwith; Ron Heroux; Tom Rothermel, Selectmen's Representative.

**Members Absent:** Isaac Morse.

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

**Others Present:** Barbara Young; John and Jill Sheehy.

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

**Appointments**

John and Jill Sheehy – to permit replacement of a Quonset hut with a 10 x 18 foot board and batten shed at 35 Robbins Road. [Map 33, Lot 3-2 – Residential District]

Mr. Fitzwilliam welcomed John and Jill Sheehy to the meeting. Ms. Sheehy explained that they recently purchased the property. They would like to replace a temporary Quonset hut with a stick built 10x18 foot board and batten shed.

Mr. Fitzwilliam commented that the Quonset hut has no historic value and the proposed shed is a much better option.

**Mr. Beckwith motioned to approve the application of John and Jill Sheehy to replace a Quonset hut with a 10x18 foot board and batten shed at 35 Robbins Road, [Map 33, Lot 3-2 – Residential District], subject to no conditions. Mr. Davis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

Barbara Young – to discuss the drafted Master Plan chapter for Historic Resources.

Mr. Fitzwilliam welcomed Barbara Young, member of the Planning Board, to the meeting. Ms. Young asked the Commission to review the draft chapter for the Master Plan that covers Historic Resources and send any suggested to the Land Use Coordinator, Ms. Nolan. Ms. Young commented that education, collaborations, and joint events seem to all be in motion already. The Commission requested that the latest version of the HDC guidelines are reflected in the new Master Plan.

Ms. Young gave a brief explanation of RSA 79-D, which is a discretionary preservation easement.

*At this time, Ms. Young left the meeting.*

Ms. Nolan went over the housing stock map that was distributed to the Commission. The Commission discussed expanding the HDC or including "pockets" that contain significant houses. Mr. Rothermel commented about the availability of grants to capture history in old sections of town. He referred to a program that Jaffrey did, which created a brochure. This was well received with the residents as it did not create new regulations or restrictions.

Ms. Nolan was asked to put together some ideas for a brochure campaign.

**Minutes Review**

**Mr. Davis motioned to approve the minutes of March 14, 2024 as written. Mr. Beckwith seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Nolan

Land Use Coordinator

**Minutes approved as written on June 13, 2024.**