

**Town of Fitzwilliam
Historic District Commission
Minutes
June 13, 2024**

Members Present: John Fitzwilliam, Chairman; Bill Davis; Ron Heroux; Isaac Morse; and Tom Rothermel, Selectmen's Representative.

Members Absent: Ken Beckwith.

Staff Present: Lori Nolan, Land Use Coordinator.

Others Present: Bill Pine; and Richard Mays

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

Appointments

N. Isaac Morse – to discuss changing exterior paint color of house from peach to white at 12 Upper Troy Road. [Map 32, Lot 30 – Residential District]

Mr. Morse recused himself and sat in the audience.

Mr. Morse presented to the Commission stating that his house is currently a salmon/peach color. He is proposing changing the color to white with green shutters. Mr. Morse found that using any other color than white, the house gets 'lost'.

Mr. Davis motioned to approve the house color change to white with green shutters at 12 Upper Troy Road [Map 32, Lot 30 – Residential District], subject to no conditions. Mr. Heroux seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Morse returned as a voting member.

Bill and Patricia Pine – to discuss expansion of an existing roof-mounted solar system at 44 Upper Troy Road. [Map 33, Lot 17 – Residential District]

Mr. Fitzwilliam welcomed Bill Pine to the meeting. Mr. Pine explained that they would like to add four additional solar panels on the south side roof. They have an electric vehicle and the extra panels will allow them to charge the vehicle at home. Mr. Heroux felt that the disposal of the panels will be an issue in the coming years when the panels' lifespan have expired. Mr. Davis was not in favor of solar panels in general, but acknowledged that the 'cat is out of the bag'.

Mr. Fitzwilliam motioned to approve the expansion of four panels to an existing roof-mounted solar system at 44 Upper Troy Road, [Map 33, Lot 17 – Residential District], subject to no conditions. Mr. Heroux seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Fitzwilliam Town Library – to discuss installation of a permanent book return box at 11 Templeton Turnpike. [Map 32, Lot 50 – Residential District]

Mr. Fitzwilliam welcomed Richard Mays, Library trustee, to the meeting. Mr. Mays explained that the Library would like to install a second book return box. This would be installed by the entrance from the parking lot. This will allow the return box to be handicap accessible. However, the return box is not recommended for outdoor use so they are proposing to build a shed around the box.

Mr. Heroux had no issues with the proposal. Mr. Davis had concerns about it looking appropriate for the area as it is a stainless steel structure. Mr. Rothermel suggested having an oversized concrete slab with a stick built protective shed to match the Library. Mr. Davis was in agreement and suggested a Colonial style design with matching colors to the Library (pale yellow with white trim).

Mr. Mays was okay with the requirements. He asked if the Commission could approve the return box today and he will return once they have designed the protective shed. The Commission was okay with that proposal.

Mr. Heroux motioned to approve the installation of a book return box to be located off the parking lot for the Fitzwilliam Town Library at 11 Templeton Turnpike, [Map 32, Lot 50 – Residential District],

subject to approval of a protective shed which will be built around the book return box. Mr. Fitzwilliam seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Minutes Review

Mr. Fitzwilliam motioned to approve the minutes of April 11, 2024 as written. Mr. Heroux seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Old Business

Brochure campaign

Mr. Davis suggested that the Commission concentrate on one brochure at the time. He recommended designing an old schoolhouse brochure first and then working on another brochure mapping Old Military Road and the Great Road. The Commission asked the LUC to start gathering information.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:39pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Nolan

Land Use Coordinator

Minutes approved as written on July 11, 2024.