

Woodstock Historic District Commission  
Regular Meeting  
Woodstock Town Hall  
July 28, 2014 8:00 p.m.  
Minutes

1. Call to Order at 8:04. Members present: Gail White, Chair; Dan Atwood; Tim Monahan; Lyn Smith and Earl Manz.  
Public present: Earl Brazeal, Frank Olah, George Truman and Joe Campbell.
2. Appointment of alternates: E. Manz was appointed as voting alternate.
3. Public Hearing
  - a. Brazeal, 518 Route 169 Woodstock, for antennae installation; Mr. Brazeal presented photographs of the new TV antennae that has replaced the previous antennae installed at the high point of the gable on the rear ell of the residence.
    - D. Atwood moved to close the public hearing with a second by T. Monahan. Unanimous in favor.
    - The Commissioners discussed precedent for requesting removal of outdated technologies such as antennae and solar panels.
    - D. Atwood moved to approve the application as submitted with the understanding that when the equipment was obsolete it would be removed. E. Manz second with unanimous approval.
  - b. Truman, 524 Route 169 Woodstock, for window replacement; Mr. Truman presented photographs of the existing window condition at the south facade of the shed off the ell at the rear of the residence as well as a cut of the proposed replacement window. The existing window is a wood double hung window with applied 6 over 6 grill. The proposed window is a vinyl double hung window with applied 6 over 6 grill. The wood sill will be replaced with a vinyl composite material of dimensions similar to the existing wood sill. The integral color of the proposed window is white and the dimensions will match the existing window.
    - E. Manz moved to close the public hearing with a second by D. Atwood. Unanimous approval.
    - The Commissioners discussed the fact that, if accepted, the decision to allow a vinyl window in this case should not be interpreted as precedent for the overall acceptance of vinyl windows in the district. The location of this window is such that it is in a utility building barely visible from the public way.
    - T. Monahan moved to approve the application as presented with the understanding that the approval in this case not serve as precedent for future applications within the district. E. Manz seconded the motion with unanimous approval.

c. Olah, 546 Route 169 Woodstock, for furnace vent installation. Mr. Olah presented photographs and other documentation showing building department approval of the venting of an interior heating appliance on the exterior south wall of the main portion of the residence. The vent is approximately 12" x 12" mill finished aluminum and protrudes from the exterior wall approximately 8". Concealment of the vent would inhibit proper ventilation of the appliance and alternate locations are technically infeasible. Mr. Olah stated that painting the vent white to match the siding color is a viable option to lessen its visual impact.

- D. Atwood moved to close the public hearing. Second by E. Manz with unanimous approval.
- E. Manz moved to approve the proposal to paint the vent white. Second by D. Atwood with unanimous approval.

4. Review of Minutes: D. Atwood moved to approve the minutes of 6-23-2014. Second by E. Manz with unanimous approval.

5. Public Comment: Joe Campbell, representing Woodstock Academy informally attended the meeting to request direction as to outstanding compliance issues relating to fencing and parking. In addition, Mr. Campbell informally discussed plans to provide for accessibility to the first floor of the Academy Building at the north entrances with a bermed ramp system. Woodstock Academy will formally file an Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for all projects.

6. Correspondence: None

7. Old Business: None

8. New Business: None

9. Adjournment on a motion by D. Atwood with a second by T. Monahan and unanimous approval at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Lyn Smith, Clerk

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