

MILTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
SPECIAL Meeting AGENDA
October 21, 2020
7 P.M.

REMOTE MEETING BY LIVE INTERNET VIDEO STREAM AND TELEPHONE

1. Call to Order/appointment of alternates – C. Bramley, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Present: C Bramley, D. Dowden and C. Mitchell. Alternate, D. Dowden, was appointed to fill the vacant regular member position. M. Forbes and W. Dunn joined the meeting at 7:04 and 7:05 p.m. respectively.

Also present were applicants Robert Scott and Ericka Fincane, Amy and Matt Ziehl and architect, Julia Metcalf.

Public Hearings

The public hearings were opened at 7:06 p.m.

2. Application #339 – Robert Scott Fincane, 566 Maple St. – Barn and shed construction.

Photographs and drawings were reviewed as Ericka Fincane described the proposal for the addition of a 2-car barn/garage to be sited approximately 100 feet from the rear and north of the house and a shed structure. The shed will be set back from the street a distance similar to the proposed barn and behind a treed area on the south side of the property. Both buildings will be as shown on submitted photos, wood sided and asphalt shingles. There was discussion as to the appropriateness of the barn multi paned demi-lunar window above three double hung windows in the gable facing the street. After discussion, it was requested the demi-lunar window be eliminated as being uncharacteristic of barn windows associated with 18th properties within the historic district. The applicant agreed to eliminate the window.

The public hearing ended with a motion from C. Mitchell, seconded by W. Dunn and unanimously carried to approve Application #339 with the condition the demi-lunar window be removed from the street facing façade. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Application #340 – Amelia Starr and Matt Ziehl, 590 Milton Rd. – Conversion of existing garage to interior space and new garage addition.

The drawings, photos and material submissions were reviewed while Amy Ziehl described the proposed project to convert the existing garage to interior space and add a new garage structure to the north side. Architect, J. Metcalf reviewed the changes in the driveway configuration and the removal of landscape material which will be relocated. It was requested, if possible, the tops of the windows across the house façade be lined up on a consistent plane, with the understanding the property runs downhill and the level of the existing garage makes accomplishing that difficult.

The public hearings ended at 7:38 with a motion from M. Forbes, seconded by D. Dowden and unanimously carried to approve Application #340 as submitted.

4. Approval of Minutes of August 12, 2020.

D. Dowden moved and C. Mitchell moved to approve the minutes as written. The motion carried unanimously.

5. New Business – Change in monthly meeting schedule for 2020 due to Covid and Zoom conflict/proposed change to By-laws.

There was discussion on moving the regular meeting schedule to the third Wednesday of each month to avoid the zoom conflict with the regular Inland Wetlands meetings on the second Wednesday. It was agreed and stated the regular meeting schedule will be the 3rd Wednesday of each month for 2021. The amended By-Laws will be voted on at the next regular meeting. The next meeting will be on November 18th with the scheduled meeting on the 11th to be cancelled.

6. Old Business – Discussion of possible new members to fill vacancies.

W. Dunn announced he would be moving and resigning from the Commission. We will miss him, appreciate his participation and wish he and Laura well in their new location. D. Dowden suggested two individuals as possible candidates to fill vacancies.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m. on a motion by W. Dunn, seconded D. Dowden and carried unanimously.

Carol Bramley
Chairman