

MILTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
538 Milton Road, Litchfield
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2021

1. Call to Order: C. Bramley, Chairman, opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Present: C. Bramley, D. Restivo and C. Mitchell. Absent: M. Forbes and D. Dowden.

Public Hearings – opened at 7:00 p.m.

The legal notice published in the Republican American on 6/11/21 was read into the record.

2. Application #344 – Town of Litchfield, replacement of culvert between 24 Headquarters and 12 Headquarters Rd.

Present to explain the application were Raz Alexe, town Public Works Director, Gary Giroux and Timothy Cerimola, representing Cardinal Engineering. The project will begin once the Sawmill Rd. bridge replacement is completed and the road reopened to traffic. Headquarters Rd. will need to be closed to traffic for 2-3 weeks and the project is anticipated to be completed in a month to a month and a half.

G. Giroux described the details of the project. Two 54” diameter pipes, 25 feet long will be placed with a passageway between to allow wildlife to move through the culvert. The pipes are slightly longer than those existing and the grade and height of the road will remain unchanged. Guard rails matching those existing will be replaced but will be considerably longer at 100 feet to meet current federal and state road safety requirements.

R. Latos, adjacent property owner, spoke regarding the beaver activity problem causing the culvert to be blocked on a regular basis and the road to flood in heavy rains. S. Latos also noted the issue with the beavers. R. Alexe stated there is planned screening on the east side of the pipes to protect the wetlands but agreed to screen the west side as well to mitigate the problem. R. Latos also spoke of the ditch along the road adjacent to the culvert causing cars to go off the road, noting the ditch never carries water and questioned whether it could be filled. A drawing of the culvert was reviewed showing riprap placement alongside structural elements, filling a portion of the ditch depth. R. Alexe will review the ditch for possible filling.

D. Restivo asked for confirmation there will be screening on both sides of the pipes and there was discussion as to the increased length of the required guardrail at four times the existing length. Mention was made of proposed plans to pave the dirt portion of Headquarters Rd. The hearing was closed at 7:35 p.m. on a motion by C. Mitchell, seconded D. Restivo and unanimously carried.

Motion to approve the application as presented was made by C. Mitchell, seconded D. Restivo and unanimously carried.

3. Application #345 – Scott and Erika Finucane, 566 Maple Street for construction of two-car garage.

Submitted photos and drawings of the proposed garage were reviewed. E. Finucane stated the Barn Yard structure will be sided in rough sawn pine, will have an asphalt roof that matches the house, will have Jenn-Weld windows as shown matching the same style as the new windows on

the house, and garage doors will be finished with the same rough sawn pine as on the rest of the building.

D. Restivo asked if any lighting was proposed. E. Finucane said that lighting would be goose neck pendants over the garage doors, the same as those on the larger barn previously approved. With no one present to comment on the application, the hearing was closed at 7:50 p.m. on a motion by C. Mitchell, seconded D. Restivo and unanimously carried.

D. Restivo moved to approve the freestanding garage as presented, seconded C. Mitchell and unanimously carried.

4. Application # 346 – Susan Rath Latos, 24 Headquarters Rd., roof replacement.

Proposed asphalt shingles will match those on a previously approved addition. R. Latos submitted a photo of the house. With no one present to comment on the application, the hearing was closed at 7:55 p.m. on a motion by C. Mitchell, seconded D. Restivo and unanimously carried. C. Mitchell moved to approve the application as presented, seconded D. Restivo and unanimously carried.

5. Approval of Minutes – March 17, 2021

The minutes were deferred to the next meeting for a voting quorum.

4. Old Business – None

5. New Business – Matthew Evangelisti – 15 Blue Swamp Rd., preliminary discussion of proposed addition.

M. Evangelisti showed the commission photos of the house and described his plans to demolish the 1960 1-story rear addition, replacing it with a 2-story structure raising the knee walls from 4 to 6 feet for additional ceiling height. The footprint of the rear addition is 20 ft. long x 12 ft. wide, with the width matching that of the main structure. Comments were offered related to the addition suggesting M. Evangelisti find a way to offset the rear structure, differentiating it from the principal building. As no additions to the foundation are planned, the challenge will be to find a way to visually separate the two structures. M. Evangelisti will submit an application when his plans have been formalized.

5. Adjournment – the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. on a motion by C. Mitchell, seconded D. Restivo and unanimously carried.

Carol Bramley, Chairman

Date