

MILTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Trinity Church Parish Hall

536 Milton Road

Special Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2022

7 P.M.

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

Public Hearings – opened at 7:00 p.m.

The legal notice published in the Waterbury Republican American on 1/19/22 was read into the record by C. Bramley.

2. Application #350 – Erika and Scott Finucane, 566 Maple Street for fence and HVAC condenser.

Present to explain the application were Erika and Scott Finucane. The first topic was the HVAC condenser. Erika explained that they have 2 options to help conceal the condenser. Option 1 would be to paint the condenser to match the house. Option 2 would be to install a slotted wooden cover over the HVAC unit. Erika and Scott explained that Option 2 is not ideal as it would partially block air flow to the unit. D. Restivo noted that creating a new structure to hide the condenser might actually detract more from the original building since the HVAC equipment is attached directly to the house. C. Bramley noted that it would also help if there were plants planted to help conceal the unit. Erika noted that the septic system is unfortunately very close to this location so it may be difficult, but they will try to do this. The commission agreed that Option 1 – painting the unit – would be the best solution with the recommendation to also add plantings to help conceal it.

The next topic was the privacy fence along the south side of the property. Erika showed an aerial photo which showed that the fence is 5' from the property line and that it does not reach the road. Scott noted that the fence stops approximately 80-100' from the road. The fence was installed for privacy reasons. D. Dowden asked why the fence was constructed prior to receiving an approval. Erika noted that she has sent an emails to the Commission but had not received a response. She also spoke with Land Use staff when they were getting zoning approvals and they made it sound like she did not need approval for a fence under 8'. Erika noted that they had already painted the fence to help conceal it and planned to do another few coats. Erika also noted that they had made a large tree order and planned to plant a large number of trees to help conceal the fence further.

With no members of the public present to speak, C. Mitchell made a motion to close the public hearing. M. Forbes seconded the motion and unanimously carried.

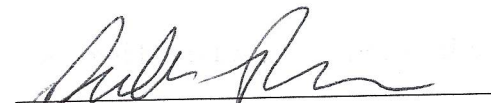
D. Restivo made a motion to approve the HVAC condenser with the agreement that it will be painted to match the house and with a recommendation that plantings be installed to help conceal

it. The motion also included approving the fence as installed with a recommendation to add plantings/trees to help conceal it. D. Dowden seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

3. Approval of Regular meeting minutes of December 15, 2022.

M. Forbes made a motion to approve the minutes, C. Mitchell seconded and unanimously carried with D. Restivo and D. Dowden abstaining.

4. Adjournment – the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m. on a motion by D. Dowden, seconded D. Restivo and unanimously carried.


Danielle Restivo, Clerk

1/28/22
Date