

MILTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Milton Public Hall
538 Milton Road
September 21, 2022
Regular Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to order** – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were C. Bramley, Chairman, M. Forbes and D. Dowden. Absent C. Mitchell. Also present was Erica Finucane.

Public Hearing

The legal notice published in the Republican American 9/15/22 for the hearings was read into the record.

2. **Application #356 – Patricia (Ann) Deering, 541 Milton Road for porch railing and roof.**

Submitted drawings and sample materials were reviewed by the Commission. The repair of the porch required the porch railing at the 2nd floor level meet the current building code and be 42” high. The change in material to wood rail and metal balustrade was felt to be more attractive than a wood rail with the added height. It was also noted the metal was consistent with the railings adjacent to the property installed as a barrier to the drop-off to the river installed by the town in the bridge reconstruction. Black standing seam metal is proposed for the porch roof rather than shingle.

M. Forbes moved to approve the application as submitted, seconded D. Dowden and unanimously carried.

3. **Application #357 – Ann McKinney, 37 Sawmill Road for lighting.**

The application is for a light fixture installed on the north wall of the house to the east of a side door. It was explained the driveway is very dark and lighting in the area is needed. It would have been preferred the wiring not be exterior, rather be installed within the wall. Painting the conduit to match the siding would be preferable.

Motion to approve the application was made by D. Dowden, seconded M. Forbes and unanimously carried.

4. Approval of the Minutes of Regular Meeting July 20, 2022. Approval of the minutes was deferred to the next meeting due to a lack of quorum of members present at the July meeting.

5. **Old Business – None**

6. **New Business** – Pre-Hearing for Finucane, 566 Maple Street for façade modification. Erica Finucane was present to discuss plans for the addition of a front door to the house along with

modification to the small retaining wall to permit granite steps to be installed from the new front door. A photograph of the house showing the addition of the proposed new door and steps were presented along with pictures of other 18th century door types for discussion. She stated the wall needed to be rebuilt and the opening of the wall would be coordinated with the addition of the steps. C. Bramley stated she had the opportunity to see the interior of the house at 458 Maple Street. Although appearing to be a Greek Revival structure, the interior floor plan, which has a narrow front entry hall lacking the usual center chimney stairway like the Finucane's house, was virtually identical. The interior doors are flush bead panels, identical to the only original door at 566 Maple located on the exterior of the south façade. The interior stairway in both houses is located on the north side of the original kitchen confirming both first floor plans are the same house form built within a similar time frame. Differences between the houses are a 5 bay façade, later doorway, and a full 2 stories at 458 attributed to the "modernization" changes made in the early 19th century. Per the architectural resource survey, the Benjamin Boardman house was on the property by 1741. The Issac Catlin house at 566 Maple dates from 1756 and is a center chimney saltbox roof line. The difference in roof line may be attributed to the 19th century additions to 458 Maple. The Finucane's will be submitting an application for the changes presented at the October meeting. The Commission agreed the front of the house at 566 Maple Street would look better were it's original front door to be reinstated.

7. **Adjournment** – D. Dowden moved to adjourn at 7:51 p.m., M. Forbes seconded and unanimously carried.

Carol Bramley, Chairman

Date