

MILTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2023

The meeting was in-person and via Zoom

1. Call to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: C. Bramley, M Forbes and C. Mitchell. Also present: Craig and Suzanne Litwin, applicants and Tim Isaacs and Zachary Chase Bright Planet Solar.

Motion to add an item 4.a. Approval of November 30, 2022 meeting minutes made by C. Mitchell, seconded M. Forbes and unanimously carried.

Public Hearings

2. Application #360 – Lori and Quentin Finn - 81 Headquarters Road for solar panels on accessory structure. The applicant's representatives from Bright Planet Solar were present via Zoom. The proposed panels will be placed on the roof of the house on all 4 roof sections. The submitted materials and photographs were reviewed. There was discussion as to the appearance, size and spacing between the panels. The bracket height of 5 inches was questioned regarding the visibility of the support hardware from the ground. It was explained a piece of metal would span the panels hiding the supports and a mesh material will run the length of the sides and rear of the panels also covering the hardware. These caps are to prevent animals and leaves from getting in under the panels.

The house has been altered substantially with the raising of the roof line to provide more headroom on the second floor and windows have been replaced leaving the building no longer architecturally significant to the 1830's when it was built. At some time in the past, it was mentioned solar panels were installed on the roof of both the house and barn at 32 Headquarters Rd. and are clearly visible from the street. Before requesting public comment, the legal ad published in the Republican American on 2/7/23 was read into the record.

With no member of the public wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed on a motion by M. Forbes, seconded C. Mitchell and unanimously carried.

Although it would have been preferred the panels be placed on the barn rather than the house, C. Bramley moved to approve the installation of the panels as proposed with the condition the panels be removed when they are no longer in use, seconded M. Forbes and unanimously carried.

3. Application #361 – Craig and Suzanne Litwin – 122 Sawmill Road for replacement windows and repairs. The legal notice published on 2/7/23 in the Republican American was read into the record. S. Litwin explained the 30 year old windows on the north and south rear sections of the house as well as those on the east facing façade need to be replaced along with repairs to some sections of trim and clapboards. Photos were reviewed along with

drawings of the existing and proposed windows. Windows with three panels, two that opened, center fixed, will now be two panels. The windows will go into the existing openings and be the same size and trimmed as those removed.

With no members of the public present to speak, the public hearing was closed on a motion by C. Mitchell, seconded by M. Forbes and unanimously carried. C. Mitchell moved to approve the application as submitted, seconded M. Forbes and unanimously carried.

4. Approval of the minutes of Regular Meetings of September 21, 2022. It was noted the 9/21/22 meeting was approved on 11/16/22 and was listed in the agenda in error.

4.a, Approval of the minutes of Special Meeting 11/30/22 – Motion to approve by C. Mitchell, seconded M. Forbes and unanimously carried.

5. Old Business - None

6. New Business - None

7. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn at 7:59 C. Mitchell, seconded M. Forbes and unanimously carried.

Carol Bramley

Date