

# **MILTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**

**Trinity Church**

**536 Milton Road**

**March 15, 2023**

**Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.**

**Minutes**

## **1. Call to Order – Appointment of Alternates**

Chairman, C. Bramley called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Present: M. Forbes and C. Mitchell and applicant Erica Finucane.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

The legal notice for both hearings published in the Republican American on 3/8/23 was read into the record by the Chairman.

## **2. Application # 362 - Scott and Erica Finucane, 566 Maple St. for roofing, front door, storm door, steps and stone wall modifications.**

The application is in three parts including: replacement of roofing; fencing for garden to rear of barn/garage; and modifications to the front of the dwelling including installation of a front door, storm door, stone steps and reconstruction of the stone wall. Proposal for re-roofing was reviewed noting the new material will also be architectural, asphalt singles in a color to closely match what exists. The fencing for the garden in the rear of the property was also reviewed and felt to be minimally visible, if at all.

E. Finucane discussed the proposed plans for the new front door and the batten storm door describing the photos submitted showing possible designs for both. Commission members felt the primary door would be more appropriate if it reflected the 18<sup>th</sup> century house complementing the 18<sup>th</sup> century window format. A photo of the only original door located on the south side of the house was reviewed and was preferred as a model for the new door. There was discussion as to the lack of light inside the entry and that transom lights in the door would be advantageous since the front plate does not provide room for a transom above the door. An example of a modern door with lights in the top panel was thought to be Craftsmen in appearance and not appropriate. E. Finucane mentioned she'd been in contact with a teacher at Oliver Wolcott Tech's woodworking department and was told students could reproduce a historic door once actual dimensions were submitted. E. Finucane will see if she can get two renderings by students, one of the original flush-bead door and the second of a raised panel door with both showing the addition of transom lights in a 6" x 9" or smaller glass size to match the 12/12 and 8/12 windows on the building.

There was further discussion of the door surround, lighting fixtures and the stonework as shown in the rendered photo submitted. The proposed door handle was thought to be oversized for the door and uncharacteristic for New England, the lighting fixtures appropriate. The proposed storm door and its hinges were reviewed. No members of the public were present to speak. The hearing was continued to the 4/19/23.

3. Application #363 – Donald Dowden, 33 Potash Rd. for roofing.

Proposed is replacement of cedar shingles existing on the entire house, except the rear porch, with taper sawn red cedar, copper flashing. With no members of the public present to speak, C. Mitchell moved to close the hearing, seconded M. Forbes and unanimously carried.

A motion to approve application #363 as presented was made by C. Mitchell, seconded M. Forbes and unanimously carried.

4. Approval of minutes of February 15, 2023 meeting.

A motion to approve the minutes of 2/15/23 was made by M. Forbes, seconded C. Mitchell and unanimously carried.

5. New Business - None

6. Old Business - None

7. Adjournment

M. Forbes moved and C. Mitchell seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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Carol Bramley

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Date