

MILTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Trinity Church

536 Milton Road

October 25, 2023

Special Meeting 7:00 pm

1. Call to Order – Appointment of Alternates – the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: C. Bramley, D. Dowden and C. Mitchell, Malcolm Forbes and applicant Karin Nystrom.

2. Application #365 – Karin Nystrom, 11 Headquarters Rd. for modifications to existing barn – request for Window/door changes.

K. Nystrom was present to describe the modification to the south façade of the barn with the replacement of the center window with double doors with glass to increase the amount of light into the building. Shrubs around the base of the building have now been removed and it was pointed out there is an existing small, solid door adjacent to the most easterly window on the facade. A rendering of the changes was reviewed by the commission. To match the height of the windows either side of the door a transom light is shown above the doors. With the mortise and tenon framing, the plates are higher than the end girts, the reason for the windows being high on the north and south sides.

Commission members felt the transom light to be out of character with the very simple but distinctive barge board and batten siding and trim on the building. Transoms were traditionally used to render more light into a space above a solid door on residential houses and in a more modern format above solid barn and garage doors. There was discussion as to the alternatives which include: simply allowing the doors to be trimmed at their lower level and not match the height of the windows; or since the windows are being replaced and the building dismantled to provide for insulation and studded walls on the interior, the windows could be lowered on both the north and south facades or a combination of lowering the windows and finding a way to increase the height of the doors.

D. Dowden moved to approve the modification to Application # 365 with the replacement of the center window on the south façade with double doors with glazed lights with the alternative approval of lowering the windows to match the height of the doors on both sides of the barn. Chad seconded and unanimously carried.

3. Discussion of meeting dates for 2024. It was determined that midweek days create a problem for D. Dowden who travels for business. After discussion, it was decided to move the regular meeting date to the second Monday of each month, the time and place to remain the same. Motion to approve the schedule for meetings for 2024 was made by D. Dowden, seconded M. Forbes and unanimously carried. The new schedule will be sent to the Town Clerk.

4. Discussion of potential new members in light of C. Mitchell's resignation as of December 31, 2023. Possible candidates will be sought noting that any member appointed must be an elector

of the town. There are willing individuals who are weekenders but unfortunately are registered voters where their primary residence is located. All members are asked to look for and suggest possible candidates.

5. Adjournment – D. Dowden moved, and C. Mitchell seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:52 p.m.

Carol Bramley
Chairman, Milton HDC