

TOWN OF BEDFORD
June 5, 2018
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MINUTES

A meeting of the Bedford Historic District Commission was held on Tuesday, June 5, 2018, at the Bedford Meeting Room, 10 Meetinghouse Road, Bedford, NH. Present were: William Granfield, Judy Perry (Vice Chair), Janet Tamulevich (Chairwoman), Charlie Fairman (Planning Board Liaison), Rebecca Durrell, Catherine Rombeau (Town Council) and Mark Connors (Assistant Planning Director).

I. Call to order, Roll Call and Acceptance of Agenda.

Chairwoman Tamulevich called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and the members of the Commission introduced themselves.

MOTION by Judy Perry to accept the agenda. The motion was seconded. Vote taken – all in favor. Motion carried.

II. New Applications:

1. **Prem Pulami & Sangita Thapa (Owners) – Request to remove trees along the front of the property to allow for the installation of a driveway and landscaping associated with the construction of a single-family home on Pinecrest Drive, Lot 20-10-28, Zoned R&A.**

Mr. Pulami explained that he is building a home on Pinecrest Drive and has a building permit for the home. There are trees that need to be cut down, but part of the land is in the historic district. He would like to cut down the trees in order to put in a driveway.

Mark Connors pointed out that most of the land isn't in the historic district, including where the house will be built – only 90 feet is in the historic district. Approximately 30 small trees would be cut, but they are not mature trees.

Mr. Pulami said he would also like to put in a light at the end of the driveway.

Ryk Bullock, a member of the town representing three of the abutters to the property, said he believes the property would be better with a home on it. He mentioned that the trees were put there originally because of drainage.

MOTION by Rebecca Durrell that the application be accepted as long as all work is completed within 2 years, the applicant must also submit photos of the completed work, and the area of the lot will be loamed and seeded after the cutting has occurred. The motion was seconded. Vote taken – all in favor. Motion carried.

2. 475 Rimmon Street, LLC (Owner) – Request to make a series of improvements to the residence at 49 North Amherst Road including the conversion of part of the home to a garage, replacement of all windows and several doors, removal of two trees, and replacement of existing siding with vinyl siding, Lot 20-64-2, Zoned R&A.

Michael from 475 Rimmon Street, LLC mentioned that the changes would include remove/replace siding, modify trim, replace windows, remove the shed that is encroaching on the neighbor's yard, restore garage with similar PVC to the home, replace screen door on the porch, replace the door, remove all plantings around the house, remove a large white pine, redo the roof, and fix the lighting outside the home. It was mentioned that this property would be rented out once it was fixed.

Judith McLellan from 41 North Amherst Road has two concerns: if the home would be used as rental property, who will be responsible for landscaping and if the renters would be made aware that they are in a historic district. Michael stated that there would be a property management company in charge of landscaping and snow removal, and that any renters would be made aware of the historic district.

MOTION by Judy Perry to approve the application. The motion was seconded. Vote taken – all in favor. Motion passed.

- III. Old Business: None
- IV. Other Business: None
- V. Approval of Minutes:
May 1, 2018

MOTION by William Granfield to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2018 Bedford Historic District Commission meeting as written. The motion was seconded. Vote taken – all in favor. Motion carried.

- VI. Communications:

3. E-mail from resident on North Amherst Road.

Mr. Connors stated that an e-mail was received in the Planning Department bringing up concerns of a property on Meetinghouse Road. Mr. Connors mentioned that no action is allowed by the staff because it is not an issue covered by any historic district ordinance or code. Ms. Durrell asked if there was any way to change the ordinance to cover appearances, but Mr. Connors stated that the Commission would have to change that. Any current owner would most likely be grandfathered in, so it could only apply to new owners.

- VII. Members Comments and Concerns:

Mr. Connors stated that there are currently 6 sign stating where the historic district is, but suggests putting up more. He has mentioned this to DPW and there are concerns that more sign would cause clutter and take away from stop signs. Chairwoman Tamulevich would like 2 additional signs so Mr. Connors stated he will discuss it with DPW. It was mentioned that the location of the signs is also a concern.

VIII. Adjournment:

**MOTION by Councilor Rombeau to adjourn at 8:00pm. The motion was seconded.
Vote taken – all in favor. Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted by
Ashley Schoff