

**TOWN OF BEDFORD
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
SITE WALK MINUTES
July 16, 2020**

A meeting of the Bedford Historic District Commission was held on Thursday, July 16, 2020 at 34 Meetinghouse Road, Bedford, NH to view the property regarding a pending Historic District Application to replace all windows on the residence and to pave the driveway. Present were: Theresa Walker (Chairperson), Christopher Allen (Vice Chair), Lisa Muskat (regular member), Joe Vaccarello (alternate), Steven MacDougall (alternate), and Mark Connors (Assistant Planning Director, Staff liaison).

The applicant, Olivia Dugan, was also present.

Chairperson Walker called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and noted that the site walk was purely for informational purposes to see the site in person and that no decisions would be made until the August HDC meeting. Ms. Dugan pointed out the windows and shutters on the front of the home. Ms. Dugan invited members inside the home and Ms. Walker, Ms. Muskat, and Mr. Allen accompanied the applicant inside to view the windows. Other members remained outdoors and walked around the home to view the windows to ensure social distancing.

There was a general consensus that the front two windows and one on the side façade are either original to the structure or historic in nature. The owner stated that the large window in the kitchen toward the rear of the home is a storm window. The original window is being restored and Ms. Dugan is waiting for her husband to reinstall it. The remainder of the windows appear to have been replaced at some point prior to the current owner purchasing the home. The two “Indian Shutters” on the exterior front, the front door and one Indian shutter on the left side window appear to be original to the construction, and the owner stated that at some point another Indian shutter was removed from the interior window on the right side of the house and was donated to a museum. There was some discussion of the condition of the windows and the heating expenses associated with them.

The group reconvened outside and Ms. Dugan showed HDC members the area where the above-ground pool the Commission approved in July was slated to go. She noted that arborvitae would be planted adjacent to the pool for screening consistent with the conditional HDC approval.

Ms. Dugan also pointed out the general boundaries proposed for paving the driveway and noted that after getting price quotes, she had decided not to pursue a spur off the northern part of the driveway that was discussed at the previous meeting.

Members of the HDC thanked Ms. Dugan for hosting the site walk and agreed that it had been helpful to review the site.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Mark Connors