

Historic District Commission Public Hearing Minutes – June 1, 2020

Time: 7:34 p.m. – 8:13 p.m.

Members Present: Ben Franklin, Chair; Jer Jurma; Sylvia Belkin, alternate; Richard Smith

Members Absent: Andrew Steingiser

Location: Virtual Meeting

The public hearing was video recorded.

Agenda:

CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

- a. **7:30 pm – 20HDC20 (141 Elmwood Road)** – Request to install four (4) sections of fence and one gate to enclose the rear yard, partially viewable from the public right-of-way. Proposed fence is 5 feet tall, metal, and design to match front porch railing. Applicant & Owner: Jesse Dowd. Parcel ID: 2-10. The homeowner was present for the application. The proposed material is metal and paintable.

J. Jurma noted that the decorative element proposed would not be required, unless it's a visual desired by the applicant. The Commission could approve it as an option but not as a condition.

There was no public comment.

MOTION: J. Jurma to approve the COA with the condition that the applicant has the option to add the decorative adornment. Seconded by S. Belkin. Unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Concerns
A resident emailed HDC with a concern about work going on at 14 Devens Road. Max and Molly have reached out to the homeowner.
- b. Future site visits
HDC had received a question about site visits for a future window application. Considering the current situation, the members would prefer to avoid in-person site visits that involved being inside a home. They requested that the applicant submit as much documentation in advance and up to 2 members will review and provide guidance prior to the full application submission.

- c. Remote signatures

MOTION: J. Jurma to allow Molly O'Connell to sign applications on behalf of the Board while remote meetings are conducted. Seconded by R. Smith. Unanimously approved.

- d. Approval of past meeting minutes

J. Jurma noted one change regarding the trim details.

MOTION: R. Smith to approve the minutes from May 18th with the change noted; seconded by J. Jurma. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.