

**Town of Effingham, New Hampshire
Historic District Commission**

**Public Hearing Minutes
November 1, 2013**

Present: P. Potter (Chair), R. Harrington (Assistant Chair), E. Jones (Secretary), N. Potter, R. Thompson

Absent: T. Eldridge (Selectmen's Representative)

The public hearing was called to order by the Chair at 7:04 p.m.

Jennifer Murphy presented her application for permission to make alterations to her home at the corner of Plantation Road and Province Lake Road in order to add and/or cover doorways for the purposes of more convenient and safe access to her home and yards. The application included descriptions of the work to be completed, photographs of the affected portions of the home, and certified mail receipts confirming notification was sent to all abutters.

The Chair invited members of the public present to make comments. Sheila Jones spoke in support of Ms. Murphy's application, noting that she simply wished to make largely cosmetic changes to her home in order to make it a more convenient and safe place to live. Ruth O'Neal also spoke in support of the application.

The Commission discussed the various issues of safety, convenience and livability versus the desire to preserve the exact current appearance of the home.

A motion to approve the application conditional upon payment of the appropriate application and public notice advertisement fees was made by N. Potter. Seconded by E. Jones. Passed and carried.

Following the conclusion of the official business of the public hearing, the Commission briefly discussed the idea of pursuing historic marker designation for the Effingham Town Hall building in Center Effingham. Further discussion and research will be undertaken at a later date.

With no known new business expected and since it fell on Veteran's Day, the Commission voted to cancel the regularly scheduled Commission meeting on November 11, 2013.

The public hearing was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erik Jones
Secretary