

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

**Meeting Minutes
June 14, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.

Members Present: Susan Slack (Chair), Sandy Finn (Secretary), Grace Fuller, Erik Jones.

Absent: Tom Hart (Selectmen's Representative).

Others Present: Elaine Collupy, Chris Garcia, Leo Racine.

Note: At this time, the Commission moved to New Business first, in order to accommodate the members of the public in attendance. The minutes of the meeting, however, will be presented in their usual order.

Review of Minutes: The minutes of the May 10, 2021 meeting were reviewed. It was moved by Ms. Fuller to accept the minutes as written. Seconded by Mr. Jones. Motion passed and carried.

Correspondence: Two applications for Certificate of Approval.

Old Business: No discussion.

New Business: Application for Certificate of Approval – Elaine Collupy and Leo Racine, on behalf of Effingham Preservation Society.

An Application was made to add an historic marker sign to the façade of the Grange building in the Center Effingham District. The Commission determined that the proposed sign is larger than the one and one half (1.5) square feet that may be placed without review by the Commission, so a Certificate of Approval is required. Ms. Fuller moved to accept the Application as submitted, noting that the required \$30 application fee was still outstanding. Seconded by Mr. Jones. All in favor.

Discussion: At 2.22 square feet, the proposed sign conveys more historical information than would fit on the 1.5 square feet allowed by the Commission. Proposed location of the new sign on the building and relocation of existing sign(s) to different façade(s) of the building were also discussed.

Ms. Fuller moved to approve the Application and award a Certificate of Approval to the project. Seconded by Mr. Jones. All in favor.

Other New Business: Application for Certificate of Approval – Chris Garcia on behalf of Mike Conti, 21 Town House Road.

An Application was made to temporarily replace the collapsed foundation with CMV-type concrete block. The Commission determined that the new foundation presents a changed appearance in that it will be made of unfaced concrete block. This type of foundation may not be placed without review by the Commission, so a Certificate of Approval is required. Ms. Fuller moved to accept the Application as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Jones. All in favor.

Discussion: Mr. Garcia stated the use of the CMV-type of unfinished, gray concrete block is intended to be a temporary solution.

Ms. Fuller moved to approve the Application as submitted with a variance* to be stated in the Certificate of Approval. Seconded by Mr. Jones. All in favor.

*Reasons for the variance:

The blocks will not exceed 18” in height.

The grout will be gray, same color as the blocks.

The unfaced concrete block will not be highly prominent relative to the public way.

If any further block is needed, the applicant will have to come back to the Commission.

Next Meeting: Monday, July 12, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Jones. Seconded by Ms. Fuller. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Finn
Secretary