

Woodstock Historic District Commission
Special Meeting via Zoom
November 15, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

Minutes

1. Call to Order at 6:43PM by Gail Usher. Present at the meeting were Gail Usher , Jeremy Hughes, Toby Bishop, and Earl Manz. Members of the public present were Petrina Dawson and Jay Swan.
2. Appointment of alternates: None
3. Public Hearings:
 - a. Town of Woodstock for replacement of an historical marker. Earl Manz read the public hearing notice. Gail Usher explained the process. Jay Swan described the request of the Town for the replacement of an historical marker that was first placed during the 1980's for the Town of Woodstock's Tercentennial celebration. The marker was located at the intersection of Route 169, and Old Hall and Child Hill Roads. The original marker was knocked down by a car and removed from the location. The Town replaced the original marker, which was a cast aluminum plaque with a granite stone on a concrete platform. The new marker is 4 feet by 3 feet and 14 inches deep which is larger than the original marker. It was installed in October approximately on the 19th. The new marker provides information that is nicely visible and attracts more attention than the old marker. Earl Manz moved to close the public hearing. Jeremy Hughes seconded the motion. Unanimously approved. After brief discussion by the Commission, Earl Manz moved to approve the project as submitted, Toby Bishop seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.
 - b. Dawson request for installation of security cameras for 582 Route 169. Earl Manz read the public hearing notice. Petrina Dawson presented the request for installation of security cameras. She advised that there have been broken windows in the barn, and in the event that they have been caused by vandalism, the Dawson's would like to have security cameras installed as a deterrent. Zosi cameras will be installed. They are white plastic and approximately 4 inches in circumference. Wiring for the cameras should not be visible with six cameras to be placed on the eaves of the house looking to the back. None of the cameras will face Route 169. There will also be six cameras on the barn on the property side with only two on the Old Hall Road side. Many of the cameras will not be visible at all from the road, or only partly visible. They are also small enough not to be intrusive. The cameras are all considered temporary fixtures which can be removed. Motion was made and seconded to close the public hearing, unanimous approval. After brief discussion Jeremy moved to approve the request as presented with the stipulation that any defunct equipment will be removed at the time that it becomes defunct. Toby Bishop seconded, unanimous approval.
4. Review of Minutes: Jeremy Hughes moved to approve the minutes for the September 27, 2023 meeting of the Commission. Gail Usher seconded, unanimous approval.

5. Correspondence: Gail Usher had verbal correspondence with the Atwoods concerning their request for a public hearing regarding installation of a generator and with Jay Swan concerning the historical marker that was the subject of a public hearing at this meeting.
6. Public Comment: None
7. Project consultations: None
8. Old Business: Member Recruitment: The Commission is still short two alternate members from full capacity. The search for new members will continue.
9. New Business: None
10. Adjournment: Jeremy Hughes made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Earl Manz. Meeting adjourned at 7:17 PM on unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted by Earl Manz, Clerk. These minutes may be published but the Commission does not approve them until the next regular meeting. The link to the Zoom meeting is <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QE3T1UXwFvc&t=72s>.

