

Woodstock Historic District Commission
Regular Meeting via Zoom
Wednesday, July 28, 2021, 6:30 p.m.
Minutes

1. Call to Order: 6:32 p.m. by Chairperson Gail Usher. Present: Commission Members Gail Usher, Earl Manz, Stan Swanson, and Karen Olah; for the Town of Woodstock Anthony Pezzetti; members of the public Jean and Jock McClellan.
2. Appointment of alternates: Karen Olah appointed as a regular member for the meeting.
3. Review of Minutes: June 23, 2021. Tabled until the August meeting.
4. Correspondence: A note was received from Jean McClellan regarding the McClellan's project consultation.
5. Public Comment: None.
6. Project Consultations: Jean McClellan presented the project for consultation regarding the well house on their property, including showing 6 photographs of the structure and well. The well house is a concrete cube underground with a wood structure that is used to enter the well. The metal roof is compromised by rust, and there is erosion on both the north and west sides of the well with part of the wall caving in. The proposed solution is to take out the building and excavate over the well. The door to the structure faces the barnyard and the back fields, and doesn't face any roads. Only a small part of the structure is visible from Old Hall Road. An application may be required but it was the consensus of the Commission members that based on safety concerns, and the general lack of visibility of the structure, that the McClellans should be able to remove the structure and excavate the well as proposed. Jean McClellan agreed to Gail Usher's request that the structure and well be documented with photographs. If a hearing is required, it will be held in August.
7. Old Business:
Reaching out to residents. The Commission discussed the possibility of having an historic walk about the district with someone knowledgeable about the history and the people who have lived in the district. Proposed dates include October 3rd or another date in October, not to include Columbus Day weekend. Gail Usher will locate someone with historical knowledge of the district to lead the walk.
8. New Business: None.
9. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Earl Manz; seconded by Karen Olah. Unanimous approval at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Earl Manz, Acting Clerk.

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