

Woodstock Historic District Commission  
Regular Meeting via Zoom  
Wednesday, August 25, 2021, 6:30 p.m.  
Minutes

1. Call to Order: 6:39 p.m. by Chairperson Gail Usher. Present: Commission Members Gail Usher, Earl Manz, Stan Swanson, Harold Bishop, and Karen Olah; for the Town of Woodstock Anthony Pezzetti; members of the public Jean McClellan, and Diane Miller.
2. Appointment of alternates: Karen Olah appointed as a regular member for the meeting.
3. Public Hearing: McClellan, 582 Route 169, for well house. After Earl Manz read the legal notice, Jean McClellan presented the application. Reference was made to the July meeting's project consultation for the same project. Only the well house is visible from Old Hall Road, at about 100 feet in distance from the road. Since the well house is hazardous at this time, with crevasses developing around the well, the proposed project is to remove the well house, excavate the well, and fill it in. The well house structure itself is weak at this point. It is not an old structure, and its framed with 2 by 4's and nails. Photos of the well house from both close up and from Old Hall Road were shared with the Commission, establishing that visibility is quite limited. The Commission expressed its appreciation to the McClellans for coming before the Commission with its request, and pointed out that safety issues are a priority of the Commission in its reviews. Jean McClellan agreed to photographically document the well house and to document the dimensions, and materials used in its construction. After discussion of the proposed project, Stan Swanson moved to close the public hearing; Earl Manz seconded; unanimously approved. Earl Manz moved to approve the proposal as presented; Stan Swanson seconded; unanimously approved.
4. Review of Minutes: June 23, 2021. Stan Swanson moved to approve the June minutes; Earl Manz seconded; unanimous approval.  
  
July 28, 2021. Karen Olah moved to approve the July minutes; Stan Swanson seconded; unanimous approval.
5. Correspondence: None.
6. Public Comment: Diane Miller, as a member of the Grange, expressed concern about the new stockade fence put up on the property next to the Grange, which is highly visible from the road. Diane Miller provided contact information to Gail Usher so that she can contact the Grange about this fence.
7. Project Consultations: None.
8. Old Business:  
Regular Member: Either Karen Olah or Patrick Mule will need to become a regular member since the Commission is one regular member short. Gail Usher explained the process of becoming a regular member.

Reaching out to residents. The Commission discussed the possibility of that the historic walk about the district with someone knowledgeable about the history and the people who have lived in the district will probably have to be postponed until next spring due to the Covid pandemic.

9. New Business: Fence at 622 Route 169. Gail will contact the owners and explain the requirement that an application be filed with the Commission for the fence.

Other: Discussion took place concerning items placed in the yards at the Rusty Relic, and the hours of operation kept by the business. Gail Usher explained that the hours of operation are outside the purview of the Commission, but may be within the purview of the Town Planning and Zoning; also that the Rusty Relic needs to respond to the Commission on a few outstanding matters.

10. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Stan Swanson; seconded by Karen Olah. Unanimous approval at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Earl Manz, Acting 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 at <https://youtu.be/nscicPrbKKO>.