

**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
JUNE 3, 2010**

Town of Bedford
Bedford Town Hall
Lower Level Conference Room

PRESENT: William Moonan, Chair; Robert Slechta, Vice Chair;
Karen Kalil-Brown, Clerk, Carol Carlson, Alan Long, Laurie
Dunham

ABSENT: Kevin Latady

The meeting was opened at 7:30 pm. Mr. Moonan read the emergency exit notice.

BUSINESS MEETING; 7:30 pm

The Commission members discussed who would vote on each continuation.

Blake Block: Mr. Moonan announced a joint meeting with the Planning Board next Tuesday, May 8th in the Selectmen's meeting room at 7:30 to discuss Atty. Pamela Brown's memo to Richard Joly, Planning Board Director. The letter and meeting regard an increase in the total square footage of the proposed building to 20,000 sq. ft., reducing the width of the sidewalk by approximately 3 feet, and what each board will require for reauthorization of demolition and construction of the Block. The applicant is requesting that the Planning Board's special permit be issued.

Mr. Moonan stated that the Town has decided not to charge a two hundred dollar (\$200) fee to submit an application to the Historic District Commission for exterior changes; rather, the fee will stay as is, at fifteen dollars (\$15.00)

PETITION #015-10 – CONTINUATION – 8:00 P.M. – Tim and Karen Brown, 16 North Road, vegetation, deck, & steps

Presenting: Tim Brown and Karen Kahil-Brown

Alan Long recused himself for personal reasons.

Ms. Dunham read the legal notice of the hearing.

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Mr. Brown gave each member two drawings – Exhibit A showing requested plantings along the front between the driveway and the fence, and Exhibit B, which illustrates the new porch and steps beside the barn.

Exhibit A: The new plantings will be flowering evergreens consisting of hemlock, rhododendron, lilac, and holly. Each planting will be of the \$200 size (mature), according to Mr. Brown.

MOTION: Mr. Slechta moved to approve Exhibit A, plantings as shown and discussed. Seconded by Ms. Dunham. Motion approved 4-0 by members Moonan, Slechta, Carlson, and Dunham.

Exhibit B: Requested new porch and stairs, handrails and balusters. Porch deck to be mahogany, with handrails and balusters painted to match existing trim (Benjamin Moore #1687), with a granite first step at ground level. The posts will be 4 x 4, with a square cap as shown.

MOTION: Ms. Dunham moved to approve Exhibit B, a new deck, with handrails and balusters as shown and discussed. Seconded by Mr. Slechta. Motion approved 4-0 by members Moonan, Slechta, Carlson, and Dunham.

The Continued hearing was closed, with no one from the next scheduled Continuation (Marcell's) present. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

NOTE: Mr. Moonan then announced that this would be Bob Slechta's last meeting as a member of the Historic District Commission, and he thanked him for his many years of thoughtful contributions and his historical knowledge, which has always been helpful in the Commission's deliberations. As the Town's Certified Local Government Coordinator, Bob plans to attend future HDC meetings as an observer, and we look forward to seeing him then. All Board members thanked him and wished him well.

Respectfully submitted by:

Carol M. Carlson
Secretary *Pro Tem*

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William M. Moonan, Chairman

Date