

**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
JANUARY 4, 2023**

Town of Bedford
Bedford Town Hall
Select Board Meeting Room

PRESENT: Karen Kalil-Brown, Acting Chair; Sal Canciello; Karl Winkler; Jennifer McClain; Ali Hon-Anderson

ABSENT: William Moonan, Chair; Alan Long, Vice Chair

Ms. Kalil-Brown introduced herself as Acting Chair and read the emergency evacuation notice.

BUSINESS MEETING: Town of Bedford staff will provide an update regarding upcoming Fire Station project.

Taissir Alani, the Town of Bedford Facilities Director, greeted the Historic District Commission (HDC) members. He explained that the Town was currently in the process of drafting a Request For Quote (RFQ) for the Fire Station project, and two of the required qualifications for an architect were that he or she had worked in a Historic District before and was experienced with historic preservation. He said that they would keep the Board informed if and when they made a decision for an architect. He added that, in the near future, Ryan Hayward, the historical consultant, would be present to discuss his findings about the building at 139 The Great Road.

BUSINESS MEETING: Town of Bedford, for Old Town Hall, at 16 South Road, to replace wooden steps with granite.

Mr. Alani stated that the Town needed to replace the steps at Old Town Hall, at 16 South Road. He said that their initial assumption was that the HDC might like granite to match the landing, but they were open to any design options.

There was discussion about the pros and cons of wood versus granite for the materials. The Board members talked at length with the applicant about the style, design, color, and dimensions of the proposed steps and landing. It was noted that the Commission would like to see cohesion with the side walls flanking the steps and the steps themselves, along with consistency with the risers and treads.

There was dialogue about other details such as wheelchair access and landscaping.

It was decided that Mr. Alani would return at a future meeting with more details and a decision about whether the Town would prefer granite or wood steps. He thanked the HDC members for their time.

BUSINESS MEETING:

Adjournment

Ms. Kalil-Brown called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION:

Ms. McClain moved to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Canciello seconded the motion.

Voting in favor: Kalil-Brown, Canciello, Winkler, McClain, and Hon-Anderson

Voting against: None

Abstained: None

The motion carried unanimously, 5-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Karen Kalil-Brown, Acting Chair Date

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Gould
HDC Assistant