

MINUTES
ASHLEY FALLS HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 9, 2023 -- ZOOM

PRESENT: Phil Ghi, Maggie Carroll, Sandra Preston, Lee Buttala, Marc Leavitt and Betsy Crawford, Walt Cudnohovsky

The meeting was called to order at 5:32.

The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and put up for approval by Phil Ghi and seconded by Sandra Preston. Approval was unanimous.

There was a brief discussion of Sallie Mackenzie's resignation and the search for a new committee member. Lee Buttala raised the possibility of Anne Dunn joining the board and the committee expressed support for the idea. The suggestion was forwarded to the town for possible appointment.

The committee moved on to the review the request for a certificate of appropriateness for 1103-1109 Ashley Falls Road. Walt Cudnohovsky led the committee through the design. Lee Buttala raised two possible concerns -- the installation of a white stockade fence at the side of the property and the height of a stone wall fence combination in the center of the property that exceeds the height restrictions in the design guidelines. Marc Leavitt and Betsy Crawford agreed to use an unpainted stockade fence for the side fence in order to be in alignment with the design guidelines and to bring the stone wall along the drive into compliance by removing the fencing that sits atop it and limiting the height of the wall to no more than 42 inches tall in order to comply with the guidelines.

Phil Ghi made a motion to accept the design with these restrictions and Maggie Carroll seconded the motion. The certificate of appropriateness was unanimously approved and, pending a letter to abutters not eliciting any issues, the certificate will be granted.

Sandra Preston made a motion to adjourn at 6:07, seconded by Ghi, and the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Buttala