



**Town of Stowe- Historic Preservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes – May 27, 2020**

A virtual meeting of the Stowe Historic Preservation Commission (SHPC) was held on Wednesday May 27, 2020 at approximately 5:15 pm.

All participation was online or telephone via Zoom.

**Members Present:** McKee MacDonald, Barbara Baraw, Sam Scofield, Cindy McKechnie, George Bambara, Chris Carey, Gordon Dixon

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Sarah McShane

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 PM.

**Project #: 6257**

**Owner: Donald Huffman**

**Tax Parcel #: 7A-018.000**

**Location: 118 South Main St #C1**

**Project: Replace Entry Door**

The Applicant's representative Eric Berchard of Pella Windows was present to provide a brief overview of the proposal. He explained that the property owner is requesting approval to replace the front entrance door. Members reviewed the application materials and agreed the proposed door replacement was appropriate. Mr. Bambara made a motion, seconded by Mr. MacDonald, to approve the application as presented. The motion passed unanimously. The application was classified as a minor.

**Project #: 6259**

**Owner: Nicole M. Villandry**

**Tax Parcel #: 07-136.000**

**Location: 152 River Rd**

**Project: Construct a 12' X 28' Deck**

The Applicant, Nicole Villandry, was present to provide a brief overview of the proposal. Staff reported it was brought to her attention that the siding on the building had recently been replaced from T-11 plywood to traditional clapboard and no permit had been obtained. The property owner apologized and reported that they did not know a permit was required. Commission members agreed to incorporate the alteration into the application and noted that the photographs submitted with the application show the finished siding. Several members were familiar with the building. The Applicant is proposing to construct a 12' x 28' deck on the side of the existing nonconforming building. Members discussed the possibility of adding a pergola-type of cover in the future. It was agreed that the Applicant would return if they choose to add the pergola in the future. Commission member Dixon made a motion, seconded by Mr. MacDonald, to approve the proposed deck and siding as completed. The motion passed unanimously. The application was classified as a minor.

**Project #: 6258**

**Owner: The Farm Home LLC**

**Tax Parcel #: 7A-129.000**

**Location: 161 Mountain Rd**

**Project: Exterior Alterations; Change of Use; Add Dwelling Unit; Hardscape & Landscaping**

The Applicant's Lisa Mara Bry and Tyson Bry were present to provide a brief overview of the proposal. Members discussed the proposed alterations to the detached barn, the proposed construction of a garden shed and beds and a wooden garden trellis. The submitted application packet details the proposed alterations to the barn including replacing the existing window with exact same size opening and appearance of the current window (4 over 4) and adding new exterior door package to existing opening. The proposed door package will mimic look of window above. The proposal also includes replacing windows on the sides of the barn and adding outdoor lighting. Staff reported that adding the commercial use component of the property requires review by the DRB. Ms. Baraw made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bambara, to recommend approval of the application as presented. The motion passed unanimously. Staff will work with the Applicant to schedule a public hearing with the DRB.

**Project #: 6258**

**Owner: Marilyn Olympio/ Ross Mitchell**

**Tax Parcel #: 07-315.000**

**Location: 687 Stowe Hollow Rd**

**Project: Alterations to Previously Approved Project; Workshop/Storage Building**

Applicant Ross Mitchell explained the proposed alterations. Staff reported that the Applicant had been before the Commission earlier this year to construct a small detached workshop/storage building. He stated that they would like to increase the building height by one foot, use an architectural shingle instead of a three-tab roof shingle, increase the dimensions by one foot in both directions, and reduce the number of windows on the backside of the building. Commission member MacDonald made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bambara, to approve the alterations as proposed. The motion passed unanimously. The application was classified as a minor.

### **Other Business**

Members had a general discussion regarding demolition of historic buildings and what type of documentation should be required, the possibility of adopting a color palette, and requiring review for changes in paint color. Members noted the difficulty in regulating paint color but also noted that historic New England, Benjamin Moore, and Sherman Williams all have color palettes that could be adopted. Members discussed possibly having a joint meeting with the DRB and Planning Commission. Staff will re-circulate the draft updates and investigate color palettes.

No changes or edits were made to the prior meeting minutes.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah McShane, Zoning Director