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**SHELBURNE HISTORIC PRESERVATION &
DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION**
January 14, 2021
Minutes

This meeting was conducted remotely using Zoom platform.

Members Attending:

Lauren Giannullo, Ruth Hagerman, Fritz Horton, Tom Koerner, Marc Vincent, David Webster

Staff Attending:

Susan Cannizzaro, Dean Pierce

Others Attending:

William Calfee, Lara Calfee

Call to order:

Fritz Horton called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Ruth Hagerman moved to approve the minutes of December 17, 2020. Marc Vincent seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Design Review Application DR21-01 – William and Lara Calfee, 872 Falls Road:

William and Lara Calfee were present to request approval for a single-family home with a detached office/music room at 872 Falls Road. The house and office are existing structures currently located in Burlington which they are proposing to move to Shelburne. They are currently on piers but will be placed on a concrete foundation at the site in Shelburne. Photographs of the single-story home and office were included with the application and reviewed by the Commission. The two structures are connected with a large L-shaped wooden deck. There is also a small covered front porch/entryway. A proposed site plan was also provided and reviewed.

Discussion followed regarding the design and location of the house as they relate to the Design Review Guidelines. There was concern that the house does not meet several of the new construction criteria and that the proposed location does not provide a continuation of the streetscape. Several of the members stated they like the design of the house, but that this may not be the appropriate location.

The applicant responded that even though the house is different in design, the massing is similar to homes along Falls Road with lower pitched roofs and it fits with the character of the neighborhood of reasonably priced smaller homes. William Calfee added they would consider moving the house forward on the site for a more consistent streetscape.

The applicant also proposes shrubs and other landscaping which were not included on the site plan. David Webster responded that perhaps landscaping can soften the perception but that a landscaping plan will need to be submitted. Lauren Giannullo agreed.

Tom Koerner commented that this house is a departure from the architecture on Falls Road, but reminded the members that they have approved other modern designs in historic areas (i.e. the new library connected to the historic town hall and the recent modern-looking apartment/office on Marsett Road.)

Ruth Hagerman stated, “the design fits today’s expression of what we face in Shelburne” and added that the styles of homes have changed over the years as you follow along Falls Road. Lauren Giannullo said she is torn, and that Ruth makes a good point.

Following further discussion, Tom Koerner moved to continue the application to February 11, 2021 to allow the applicant to consider today’s comments and to develop a landscaping plan. Lauren Giannullo seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

William and Lara Calfee left the meeting.

Potential Grant Opportunities, including discussion of Town Hall Clock Repair:

Dean Pierce reported that the Selectboard has authorized the filing of a grant application for improvements (i.e. benches, fencing, signage) to the Village Green, Parade Ground, and Town Office property. This raised concerns since there is a Master Plan for the Village Green and Parade Ground. It was also noted that the Selectboard and Town Manager should be reminded that any changes or additions to these properties will require Design Review. Following a brief discussion, the members agreed that Chairman Horton will speak to the Town Manager regarding the grant and the Commission’s concerns. Marc Vincent will participate in the discussion as well.

Fritz Horton reported that the contract has been signed with the clock repairer and the order has been placed for the new equipment. Al DiPietro has been hired as the Clerk of the Works for the repair project. Fritz also reported that the Town did not receive the grant it had applied for, so the repair expenses will come solely from the donations that were received. Tom Koerner expressed his appreciation for Fritz Horton’s hard work and time spent on this project.

Budget Schedule Update:

Dean Pierce reported the Selectboard opened the budget hearing at their meeting on Tuesday and it has been continued to January 19th.

Upcoming Planning Commission Agenda Items:

The focus of tonight’s Planning Commission meeting will be regulatory reform.

Other Business:

Dean Pierce reported that the National Register Nomination Report has been signed by Chairman Fritz Horton and submitted. The Historic Advisory Council will be taking it up at their meeting next Thursday. The meeting will be conducted via Zoom if anyone would like to participate.

Adjournment:

Tom Koerner moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 a.m. David Webster seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Cannizzaro