

**Hollis Historic District Commission
Minutes of the February 6, 2020 Meeting**

Call to Order

T. Cook called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

The following were present: Tom Cook, Chairman; Michael Bates, Regular Member; Brandon Child, Alternate Member.

Members absent: Jessica Waters, Vice Chairman; Peter Jones; Regular Member; Frank Cadwell, Selectmen's Representative.

T. Cook appointed B. Child as a voting member for the case this evening.

HDC2020-001

The application of the Anna and Sarah Birch, property owners, to remove a significant tree, severely trim another significant tree and the removal of one additional roadside tree, located at 16 Broad Street, Map 052, Lot 059.

Sarah Birch explained located on the property our 3 trees which are 144 yrs. and would like approval to take two trees and severely trim another one. The larger trees are creating a danger because of falling limbs landing in the side walk and the road.

Pioneer Tree Service had evaluated the trees and suggested the left tree be taken completely down, the middle tree to be severely trimmed and the third tree located at close proximity to the barn should completely be removed to prevent future foundation damage. S. Birch said the large middle tree would be preserved if at all possible.

T. Cook asked would replacement trees be planted. S. Birch replied 2 hardy maples and if there is room possibly a third. M. Bates agreed the trees are considerably damaged and asked S. Birch what size would the replacement trees be. S. Birch replied larger trees that would be several years old.

B. Child said he understood S. Birch would like to preserve the middle tree however, after severely trimming the tree may not be aesthetically pleasing. S. Birch said if approved, could the middle tree be approved for either trimming or completely removing the tree so an additional meeting would not be required.

T. Cook moved to approve the application with the following condition and with the option that the middle tree can be fully taken down if it is determined the tree could not be saved or is not aesthetically pleasing.

- 1. The two replacement maple trees shall be 2" to 3" in diameter.*

M. Bates seconded.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

T. Cook moved to Table the approval of the minutes of December 5, 2019 until the next meeting.

M. Bates seconded.

Motion was carried unanimously.

T. Cook moved and P. Jones seconded to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.