

**Hollis Historic District Commission
Minutes of March 3, 2022 Meeting Draft**

Call to Order

T. Cook called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

The Following were present: Tom Cook, Chairman; Peter Jones, Vice Chairman; Michael Bates, Regular Member; Karen Knezevich, Alternate Member.

Members absent: Brandon Child, Susan Benz Selectman's Representative

HDC2022-003

The application of Hollis Pharmacy, to install a Blink Electric Car Charging Station, property owned by Arat Realty, Co. located at 6 Ash Street (Map 052, Lot 030) in the Agricultural/Business Zone.

G. Prunier shared that the sole purpose of the application is to put a Blink charging station on the farthest parking spot to the right of the entrance into the Hollis Pharmacy. The electricity would be run underground and as it stands there would be no other charging stations outside of this one.

P. Jones asked T. Cook if this charging station would be considered to be like a gas pump in regards to the Historic District restrictions. T. Cook responded that the gas station in town was so old that it was already in town before the restrictions were put in place.

K. Knezevich asked why the Hollis Pharmacy chose Blink for their charging station, because it appears to be the least time efficient. G. Prunier responded that Blink had approached them about putting in a unit.

T. Cook asked if there were lights on the charging station that were constantly on? G. Prunier responded that there was a small screen that would light up when in use.

M. Bates asked several clarifying questions about how bright the lights would be, if there would be flashing, and how close to the building the charging station would be. G. Prunier responded that there would be no bright or flashing lights and that the charging station would be pretty close to the building, around 4 feet.

T. Cook asked if there was another place to put the charging station that would be less visible. Andrew Gyorda, an employee for the Hollis Pharmacy, responded that the electric conduits come into the building right where the charging station is proposed to be and that there is coverage from the shrubbery and trees, so that there is little visibility of the unit.

T. Cook asked A. Gyorda if there were other places on the lot map where the charging station would be best placed for minimal visibility. A. Gyorda responded that the charging station installation would be more expensive if placed elsewhere in the parking lot and possibly less efficient. T. Cook and A. Gyorda discussed possible installation placement.

M. Bates asked about any extra lighting of the unit. A. Gyorda responded that there were no internal lights other than the LCD 5X7 inch screen at the front of the unit.

T. Cook and D. Setaro discussed which boards would go over the application in relation to moving the unit. The board discussed visibility of the unit and that they would prefer to have it in another location in the parking lot.

M. Bates asked how much the cost would be to install the unit in another location. G. Prunier responded that the unit would be out of sight, that it would be the easiest to connection spot and the most convenient. T. Cook asked if Blink was paying for the installation. G. Prunier responded yes.

K. Knezevich asked about the longevity of the charge and if Blink was the best idea with more lengthy charging times. A. Gyorda responded that Blink clarified that there were different charging times, that it was very practical and that the payment would be through credit cards. T. Cook and P. Jones discussed the modernization of the town and how the charging unit might not be a good fit for the historic district in its current location.

M. Bates asked about the parking spot chosen being the most used spot and if there would be any illumination of the unit if there were no internal lights. A. Gyorda responded that the parking spots to the left of the door are the most utilized spots and that the proposed location for the unit would actually be illuminated by the existing floodlight on the outside of the building.

M. Bates suggested that the HDC do a site walk to determine the best placement of the unit. The board decided that they would walk the site on Wednesday, March 9 at 9 am with a meeting following directly after to vote.

T. Cook moved to table case HDC2022-003 to conduct a site walk on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 9 am with a meeting directly afterwards.

M. Bates seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

T. Cook moved to approve the minutes of February 3, 2022.

P. Jones seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted by;

Amiee Le Doux, Recording Secretary

Donna L. Setaro, Building and Land Use Coordinator