

**Hollis Historic District Commission
Minutes of the June 2, 2022 Meeting**

Call to Order

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

The Following were present: Tom Cook, Chairman; Michael Bates, Brandon Child; Regular Member and Karen Knesevich, Alternate Member; and Susan Benz Selectman's Representative.

Members absent: Peter Jones, Vice Chairman.

T. Cook said the voting members for this evening cases were; Tom Cook, Brandon Child and Susan Benz.

HDC2022-011

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

Andrew Gorda spoke on behalf of the Hollis Pharmacy. A. Gorda shared with the board the reasoning for Blink over other chargers. He went before the Hollis Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) and the station does not fall under the definition of a sign and that this charging station would not be in violation of any Zoning laws. He explained that there would be no light up features outside of the 5x7 luminary screen that would light up when in use and self-dim when not in use.

S. Benz asked about length of charge.

A. Gorda explained the varying options but that the most likely option would be a 45-minute, high voltage charge.

B. Child asked how far the parking lot goes around the clothing drop box

A. Gorda responded that there was approximately 15 feet extra around the back where the clothing drop box is.

Discussion took place on the view and coverage of the Blink station

M. Bates shared that the concern about the lighting and aesthetics in the Historic District. He shared that he did not get a clear answer from blink on the cap lighting up or not and explained that there ought to be some sort of protection mechanism for the charging station itself, if it doesn't light up, from being hit by a car.

A. Gorda explained the requirements in the contracts from Blink about safety and raising the blink charging station and assured M. Bates that the green top does not light up.

Discussion took place on disguising it, or possibly moving it around to the back.

A Gorda asked if he could verbally amend the application to place the blink charging station around the side of the building where it would be out of sight.

HDC board reviewed the position of the Blink Charging Station with maps and pictures and where it would be placed if they moved it around the side of the building.

T. Cook motioned for a ten minute recess to do a site walk to determine the location of the Blink Charging Station at 7:27 PM.

B. Child seconded.

T. Cook called meeting to order at 7:37 PM

T. Cook moved to approve the application with the following condition;

1. *The Blink Car charger shall be installed at the far left side of the pharmacy (around the corner) in-between the first and second parking space roughly 12 feet from the left corner of the structure.*

M. Bates seconded.

Motion carried unanimously



Location of the approved car charger

Approval of Minutes

S. Benz moved to approve the minutes of May 5, 2022.

B. Child seconded.

Motion carried unanimously with T. Cook and M. Bates abstaining.

T. Cook moved to adjourn the meeting. B. Child seconded. Motioned carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by;

Donna L. Setaro, Building and Land Use Coordinator and
Amiee LeDoux, Recording Secretary.