

**Hollis Historic District Commission
Minutes of the September 13, 2018 Meeting**

Call to Order

T. Cook called the meeting of the Hollis Historic District to order at 7:00 p.m.

The following were present: Tom Cook, Chairman; Jessica Waters, Vice Chairman; Peter Jones, Michael Bates Regular Member.

Members absent: Frank Cadwell, Selectmen's Representative

HDC2018-019

Rescheduled from the September 6, 2018 HDC meeting-The application of Danial Godfrey to install a white picket fence, located at 5 Silver Lake Road, Map 052, Lot 028.

D. Godfrey stated his request is to install a 3 ½' to 4' white picket fence would be installed in 3 locations; 48' along the top of the wall on the driveway side, 64' along the top of the back wall and around the wellhead. The primary reason for the fence is safety since there would be a young child living at the home. There would be no fence installed along the road side. J. Waters asked will be made of wood. D. Godfrey replied yes. No further questions for the board.

T. Cook moved to approve the application as submitted with the following conditions:

- 1. The picket fence shall be white.*
- 2. The picket fence shall not exceed 4 feet in height*

P. Jones seconded.

The motion was carried unanimously.

HDC2018-018

Rescheduled from the September 6, 2018 HDC meeting-The application of Tom Harris to install a roof top solar array system, located at 1 Broad Street, Map 052, Lot 065.

T. Harris explained the main reason for the solar array installation is to save money on electric and renewable energy is the wave of the future. T. Harris stated Eric St. Pierre, Revision Energy, is also here to answer any particular installation questions the Historic District Commission (HDC) may have. E. St. Pierre explained Revision Energy has installed many roof top solar arrays on Historic Homes in Exeter. The panels and mounting hardware are all black is would be less visible then the older roof top panels they are also installed closer to the existing roof so that the panels would blend into the black shingles.

T. Cook stated the within the district we have only had a few solar panel installations. The difference with this application is the most of the panels would be in public view, the house is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the structure is contributing within the district. M. Bates asked if the panel could be installed "out of public view." E. St. Pierre replied no. M. Bates stated he understands there are pros to having solar energy however, a roof top solar array which is visible from the street is not appropriate within the district.

Eric Ryherd, Chairman of the Hollis Energy Commission, explained most of the solar panels would not be in public view. There would be approximately 14 solar panel visible from the street the rest are "out of public view." Solar energy is a necessary part in the efforts to reduce the use of fossil fuels and the installation of large gas pipe lines which are dangerous and effect the landscape.

M. Bates asked if a ground mount system could be installed. E. St. Pierre replied no. P. Jones explained the current solar panels are different from the ones used years ago. P. Jones stated he is in-favor of solar panel for many reasons. However, each case needs to be evaluated individually against the HDC Ordinance.

E. Ryherd stated the solar panels would be black and installed 2" above the roof line and most of the panels would not be in public view. The HDC should consider all aspects of the application prior to making a decision. Solar energy is the wave of the future. E. Ryherd hoped the HDC would approve the application since the installation is primarily not visible from the street.

J. Waters stated in her opinion the solar installation would take away from the home. The charge of the HDC is to preserve the historic feel of the town. The members agreed.

T. Cook explained to T. Harris if he disagrees with the decision of the HDC. T. Harris could submit an appeal to the Zoning Board of Adjustment within 30 days.

T. Cook moved to deny the application as submitted with the following finding of fact:

- 1. Since the home is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is a contributing structure in the district. The HDC finds the installation of a street view roof top solar array system is not in-keeping with the district.*

M. Bates seconded.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

M. Bates move to approve the HDC minutes of August 2, 2018 as written.

T. Cook seconded.

Motion unanimously approved.

Adjournment

T. Cook moved and M. Bates seconded to adjourn.

The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.