

**TOWN OF BEDFORD
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MINUTES
June 1, 2021**

A meeting of the Bedford Historic District Commission was held on Tuesday, June 1, 2021 via the Zoom meeting platform.

Present: Theresa Walker (Chair), John Quintal (Planning Board Liaison), Lori Radke (Town Council Representative), Steven MacDougall (alternate member), Lisa Muskat (regular member), Christopher Allen (regular member), Jillian Harris (Assistant Planning Director, staff liaison).

Absent: Joe Vaccarello (regular member) and Denise Ricciardi (Town Council Alternate).

I. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Acceptance of Agenda

Ms. Walker: Good evening and welcome to the June 1st, 2021 electronic meeting of the Bedford Historic District Commission. If I could ask the board members who are with us this evening to introduce themselves. I'm just trying to get a list of our participants here, bear with me for a second. I'll start. I'm Theresa Walker, I'm the Chair of the Commission. Looks like Lisa Muskat's here.

Ms. Muskat: Hi, I'm Lisa Muskat, a full member of the committee.

Ms. Walker: Hi, Lisa. Good to see you again.

Ms. Muskat: Good to see you, too.

Ms. Walker: Good. Thank you. Lori, are you here?

Ms. Radke: Yes, I am here, I'm in my office by myself. In Dallas, not in Bedford. Sorry.

Ms. Walker: That's all right. That's okay. Steve?

Mr. MacDougal: Steve MacDougal, alternate member.

Ms. Walker: Thank you. Chris?

Mr. Allen: Chris Allen, Vice-Chair.

Ms. Walker: Hi, Chris. Nice to see you again. John, I believe you're our new liaison between the Planning Board.

Mr. Quintal: Yes, I am. John Quintal.

Ms. Walker: Hi, welcome.

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Mr. Quintal: Thank you.

Ms. Muskat: Welcome, John.

Ms. Walker: We're happy to have you. Is Joe with us this evening? I don't see Joe Vaccarello here. Joe has been appointed as a regular member. John, could you pronounce your last name for me, please? Quintal?

Mr. Quintal: Quintal. Q-U-I-N-T-A-L.

Ms. Walker: Okay. John Quintal is obviously the new appointed member as the Planning Board liaison. If you can bear with me for just a moment, I'm going to read a brief statement that covers what we need to announce regarding the electronic format of the meeting this evening. Due to the coronavirus crisis and in accordance with Governor Sununu's emergency order number 12, pursuant to executive order 2020-04, the Bedford Historic District Commission is authorized to meet electronically. This meeting is being conducted using the Zoom platform. All members of the commission have the ability to communicate with each other during the meeting, and the public has access to listen and participate by dialing 192-92056-099 and entering the meeting ID number 96465161966 and password 742046. Instructions regarding remote access to the meeting have been published in advance and are available on the Historic District Commission agenda, which is posted on the town's website. There is no physical location for this evening's meeting, which is permissible pursuant to the governor's emergency order.

The Town of Bedford is providing public access to this meeting by telephone, and the meeting is also being broadcast live on BCTV's Channel 22. Members of the public may email staff at planning@bedfordnh.org to ask questions during the meeting or to notify us of any technological issues. Planning staff will be checking that email throughout the meeting. If you have joined the meeting using Zoom, you may also ask questions when the chair opens up the hearing for public comment through your phone connection. This meeting will be taken as a roll call vote. Finally, if there are any technological issues during the meeting, we'll recess and try to correct the problem. If the problem continues, the applications that are on tonight's agenda will be postponed and we'll adjourn the meeting. Knock on wood, that won't happen and we'll be able to get through this evening's meeting. Jillian, would you please review this evening's agenda for us?

Ms. Harris: Yes, this evening we will start with election of officers for 2021 to 2022. Under new business, we have Raenor Lakin, applicant, and David Clark, owner. The request for a roof-mounted solar array located at 62 Bedford Center Road, block 13-62 zone R&A. Second, we have Gary and Julia Knowlton, applicants and owners with the request for the addition of a screened porch located at 13 Bell Hill Road Lot 20-5 zone R&A. Finally, we'll approve some minutes from the May 4th meeting.

Ms. Walker: Thank you very much. Could I hear a motion to accept this evening's agenda?

MOTION by Ms. Muskat: I make a motion to accept the agenda.

Ms. Walker: Thank you, Lisa. May I hear a second?

Mr. MacDougal: Second.

Ms. Walker: Thank you. We're going to do this. This will be the first of many roll call votes that we take this evening. I appreciate everybody's patience. Chris?

Mr. Allen: Aye.

Ms. Walker: Lisa, obviously you made the motion. Lori?

Ms. Radke: Aye.

Ms. Walker: Steve?

Mr. MacDougal: Aye.

Ms. Walker: Actually, Steve, I apologize. Let me back up for a moment. Jillian, should we be appointing Steven as a voting member for this evening?

Ms. Jillian Harris: Yes, that would make sense.

Ms. Walker: Okay, I apologize. Let me back up. Let me take a couple of steps back and let me do that first. Steve, I'm going to obviously, at this point in time, appoint you as a voting member for this evening's meeting. Now, I will ask for your vote regarding the motion to accept the agenda?

Mr. MacDougal: Aye.

Ms. Walker: Thank you very much. John, my understanding is a liaison with the Planning Board, you're a non-voting member, correct?

Mr. Quintal: Correct.

Ms. Walker: Thank you. I am also an aye, so the motion carries in the agenda is accepted.

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES.

II. Old Business:

Election of Officers for 2021-2022

Ms. Walker: The first item on tonight's agenda is the election of officers for the upcoming year, 2021 through 2022 on the Historic District Commission that operates with the Chair and with a Vice-Chair. I would welcome any nominations for either Chair or Vice-Chair. I've been the Chair, I think this would be for two full years. If anyone has any interest in stepping in and assuming that responsibility, I would welcome that.

MOTION by Ms. Radke: Ms. Chair, I'd like to make a motion. I'd like to recommend Ms. Theresa Walker as the Chair of the Historic District. Sorry, you're doing such a good job, I have to.

Ms. Walker: Thank you, Lori. I appreciate the vote of confidence very much. Thank you.

Ms. Radke: We get a second, hopefully?

Mr. MacDougal: I would second that.

Ms. Walker: Thank you, Steve, I appreciate that also. I am clearly not going to vote on that, but I will go through the roll call and I will start with Chris.

Mr. Allen: Yes, it's a very enthusiastic aye.

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Ms. Walker: Thank you very much. Lisa?

Ms. Muskat: An aye as well.

Ms. Walker: Okay, and Steve?

Mr. MacDougal: Aye.

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES.

Ms. Walker: Thank you all very much. I appreciate the vote of confidence. I enjoy working with all of you and doing what we do every month. I appreciate that very much. At this point in time, we need a Vice-Chair. May I hear a motion or a nomination for a Vice-Chair?

Ms. Radke: I'll nominate Ms. Lisa Muskat as Vice-Chair.

Ms. Walker: May I hear a second?

Mr. MacDougal: I'll second that if she's willing.

Ms. Muskat: I might need a little education along the way, but sure. [laughs]

Ms. Walker: No, we always appreciate having a changing of the guard occasionally, I guess I would say, and having people become involved in different roles. Absolutely. Since we have a motion and a second, I will then go to a roll call vote. Chris?

Mr. Allen: Aye.

Ms. Walker: Thank you very much. Lisa, I'm not going to ask you obviously. I've heard from Lori and from Steve, so I would also be an aye, and the motion carries. Lisa, thank you very much. I appoint you as our new Vice-Chair.

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES.

III. New Business:

1. Raenor Lakin (Applicant) & David Clark (Owner) – Request for roof-mounted solar array, located at 62 Bedford Center Road, Lot 13-62, Zoned R&A.

The first item on the agenda, the first order of new business, is the application for Raenor Lakin and David Clark, who is the owner. The request for a roof-mounted solar array, at 62 Bedford Center Road. Do we have--

Ms. Jaimie Harris: I'm Jaimie. I'm actually in place of Raenor. I'm her boss.

Ms. Walker: Okay. I'm sorry, could I get your name one more time?

Ms. Jaimie Harris: Jaimie Harris.

Ms. Walker: Hi, Jaimie.

Ms. Jaimie Harris: Hi.

Ms. Walker: Thank you very much, it's nice to have you join us remotely this evening.

Ms. Jaimie Harris: Thank you. Pleasure to be here.

Ms. Walker: Am I having technological issues or is anyone else having a problem hearing Jaimie?

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Ms. Muskat: A little bit of an issue.

Ms. Walker: Okay.

Ms. Muskat: Can you speak up a little Jamie I can hear you but it's a little low.

Ms. Jaimie Harris: Okay, I'll try and talk louder.

Ms. Walker: Thank you very much. Okay, so please proceed Jaimie, and present the application for us.

Ms. Jaimie Harris: We would like to install solar at David Clark's house here in Bedford, in the Historic District. With the solar array based off of shade and space available on the roof, we do have to put solar panels on the front side where it can be seen as well as the backside where it will probably not be seen by the road. Again, we applied for the permits, and so we're just here to see if you guys have any questions or concerns and try and figure out how we can get this to be approved. To install this for the homeowners' benefit.

Ms. Walker: Could you describe for us the number of panels that would be on the-- It looks like they're going to be installed in two different locations on the roof. Is that correct?

Ms. Jaimie Harris: Yes. Sorry, I didn't have this completely done. Let's say there's going to be fixed on the front side of the house, and then there will be 12 on the backside. Unfortunately, we can't. I didn't see in the notes a request to see if maybe any of the front ones hadn't be moved to the backside. Unfortunately, due to the size of the panels and the space of the roof. That is not an option.

Ms. Walker: Jillian, can we see the next elevation, please.

Ms. Jillian Harris: This is the one you're looking for?

Ms. Jaimie Harris: I was looking for the front elevation if we have one. Okay, thank you.

Ms. Walker: Miss Harris, when we're talking about the solar panels that will be on the front of the home. Just to make sure that we're oriented properly, they would be going in the area above those three windows, is that correct where it looks like there's a tarp right now?

Ms. Jaimie Harris: Correct. It won't look 100% like that, it'll look a lot nicer, and the panels will not take up the whole face of the roof but that is a general depiction and there's going to be six of them right there.

Ms. Walker: Okay. The majority of them will be on--

Ms. Jaimie Harris: Will be on the other side of that little bump out of the house.

Ms. Walker: Over the garage?

Ms. Jaimie Harris: Yes.

Ms. Walker: Do any of the commission members have any questions or comments that they would like to make?

Ms. Muskat: Is there also an illustration of the other section of the house where the majority of the panels are going to be located?

Ms. Jaimie Harris: Not like this one that's shown right here. No.

Ms. Muskat: Okay.

Mr. Clark: Can I speak up. I'm David Clark.

Ms. Walker: Oh, Mr. Clark. Hi, welcome. Yes of course.

Mr. Clark: Well, thank you so much first of all for the hearing, and secondly, we've tried to design this so that I think we had a total of 17. I think that there were going to be six panels on the more visible elevation of the house as you come around the Old Town Hall and the library that roof is the Asmath is what they call it good-- The Asmath is the pitch towards the sun. That was at six. I think that they were going to be plus or minus 10, on the other part of the house that other part of the house, which sits back and away from Bedford Center road. Unless you're standing on top of the roof of the building you're sitting in right now, the old fire station, you're not going to be able to see those panels. I think from a-- I'm obviously concerned about the look of it as well. I think the area that's going to be not entirely attractive is on the, what is the old part of the house. A little background on the house, the house was built in 1941 so it's not a historic property. It is in the Historic District. I've lived in the house since 1983, and I've done everything possible to keep it up and make it look appropriate for the center of town.

I'd like to point out that the brick ends house which is the Susan and Richard Moore house. That is a very historic house, and they were granted permission to do the solars must have been a couple of years ago. That's pretty much my statement on it and Jaimie you can take over from here.

Ms. Jaimie Harris: No, thank you very much, Mr. Clark. We appreciate that very much.

Mr. Clark: Well, thank you.

Ms. Jaimie Harris: I think, as solar becomes a more accessible option for many, and we all become much more concerned about reducing our carbon footprint. I think these requests are going to become more common. Since I've been on the board, I know that we've dealt with at least one solar array over on Liberty Hill Road, so it is not uncommon or it's not an unheard-of situation in the Historic District. I appreciate that you've tried to limit the number of those panels that will be visible. I also can appreciate the limitations of the building and the site. None of us can control the path of the sun. We have to work with what we've been given, that's for sure. I think asking some questions.

Ms. Walker: I think it was just answered. I was questioning, really, about how the decision was made to place certain panels in certain roof locations but I believe it's probably very limited by roof area and sun and rain.

Ms. Jaimie Harris: We do try and design, and when we install our solar panels. We do try and make them as aesthetically pleasing as possible. We've had several other customers and homeowners that are very particular on how they want their homes to look for themselves, and for that people around them. We've always been able to install and make all of our customers happy, as well as we have done meetings like this with other towns, to make sure that the town felt comfortable with the way it would look. That way, again, it doesn't take away the value of the town and the neighbors and everything like that. Again, when we install them, they will look very clean and neat. We don't just slap them up there for fun. Our guys are very, very professional with it.

Ms. Walker: May I ask and I apologize if it's in the materials that were submitted as part of the application, how large is each panel, what is the size of each one?

Ms. Jaimie Harris: These ones are 80 inches tall and 40 inches wide. Then when we install them they have about a half an inch gap in between each one, but you can't see that from the ground it looks just like a nice clean plate. A lot of times, again depending on what color shingles, somebody has, or again how much of an area we're taking up. Oftentimes, it literally just looks like a normal roof, you don't even realize that there are panels up there.

Ms. Walker: Okay. Thank you. Do any other commission members have any comments or questions of either the homeowner or of the contractor?

Mr. Clark: No, I'm good. Thank you very much, David Clark here.

Ms. Walker: Okay, thank you. Christopher, do you have any questions or comments?

Mr. Allen: No, I'll just share that. I'm comfortable with the approach here and I appreciate kind of a thoughtful approach to both the homeowner and contractor have taken to the aesthetics and trying to balance that with the functionality. I'm comfortable with it.

Ms. Walker: Thank you. Lori?

Ms. Radke: No, I have no issue with it.

Ms. Walker: Okay. Thank you. Steve?

Mr. MacDougal: I don't either. I think it's a good idea.

Ms. Walker: Okay. John?

Mr. Quintal: I just have one question, are the panels going to be flat mounted to the roof or is there any raising of one end or the other to point it more towards the sun or anything like that?

Ms. Jaimie Harris: Yes. That's a great question actually. No, they will be flat with the roof. On a roof like this, we do not angle them or elevate them in any other way. They will just go right along the roofline. There's about a six-inch gap between the roof and where it's mounted to the panel, but when you're looking up at it, you really can't see it. It looks like a half-inch to an inch gap you can see in between. Again, it'll be a very clean line with the roof.

Mr. Quintal: That's all I have.

Ms. Walker: Thank you, John. Is there any member of the public that has joined us that has any questions or Jillian? Did we receive any emails?

Ms. Jillian Harris: We received one email from Anne Bater, and Frank, and Maureen Hawk who 100% approve of the request. That was the extent of the email.

Ms. Walker: Great. Thank you. Without any other further questions or comments, I will see if there is a motion that we could consider.

Mr. Allen: I'll make a motion. It's Chris.

Ms. Walker: Thank you, Chris.

MOTION by Mr. Allen: I move that the Historic District Commission approve the request for installation of a roof-mounted solar array at 62 Bedford Center Road, lot 13-62 in accordance with the information submitted because the applicant has provided evidence that demonstrates consistency with the Historic District ordinance and regulations subject to the following conditions. One, all work shall be completed by the applicant within two years of the date in the Historic District Commission approval. Two, the applicant shall submit photos of the completed work for the file.

Ms. Walker: Thank you. Can I hear a second or do I hear a second?

Ms. Radke: I'll second, the proposal.

Ms. Walker: Lori?

Ms. Radke: Yes.

Ms. Walker: Thank you. Steve?

Mr. MacDougal: Aye.

Ms. Walker: I am also and aye and the motion carries and the application is approved.

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES.

Ms. Walker: Thank you very much. Mr. Clark, good luck with the installation. I hope it all goes well.

Mr. Clark: I'll share my excess power with the town.

Ms. Walker: We appreciate that very much. Thank you

Mr. Clark: Thank you very much for your hearing. I really appreciate your efforts on this, everybody. Thank you.

Ms. Walker: Thank you.

Mr. Clark: All right. Take care.

Ms. Walker: Have a good day.

Mr. Clark: I will. Thank you.

Ms. Radke: Thank you as well, guys.

Ms. Walker: Thank you very much.

Ms. Radke: Bye-bye.

2. Gary and Julia Knowlton (Applicants & Owners) – Request for the addition of a screened porch, located at 13 Bell Hill Road, Lot 20-5, Zoned R&A.

Ms. Walker: The next item of new business that we have is an application by Gary and Julia Knowlton. Are the Knowltons with us? I believe Gary may be on mute.

Mr. Knowlton: Yes

Ms. Walker: Hi, Mr. and Mrs. Knowlton, nice to see you. Thank you for joining us this evening.

Mr. Knowlton: Thank you.

Ms. Walker: We would love to hear your presentation and your application.

Mr. Knowlton: We want to put a porch on the back of our house. It would be the same structure that is going out there now, currently for the family room and it will go out about 16 feet and the width is the width of the existing structure, which is about 19. We want to put a hot tub in there and screened-in and combination windows-

Ms. Knowlton: Pre-season.

Mr. Knowlton: Pre-season, yes. Not a completely finished area.

Ms. Walker: Jillian, do you have any elevation share plans that you could share with us?

Ms. Jillian Harris: Yes. I'm calling them up.

Ms. Walker: Okay. Thank you so much. Mr. Knowlton and Mrs. Knowlton. I do much better when I can visualize, so I appreciate-- I like hearing the narrative and looking at the plans at the same time.

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Mr. Knowlton: I know.

Ms. Walker: Thank you. It looks like if I'm correct where the proposed structure is the piece of the property that's the 22 feet long piece is your existing family room, is that correct?

Ms. Knowlton: Yes, 20 feet.

Mr. Knowlton: It's actually about 19 feet wide.

Ms. Knowlton: It's on the other side.

Mr. Knowlton: It's on the other side.

Ms. Knowlton: That's the other side of the house. It would be the back of the house.

Mr. Knowlton: Yes the back

Ms. Walker: Yes. That's it.

Mr. Knowlton: Yes. Right there.

Ms. Walker: If I were looking at your home, this screened porch is just going to look like an extension of your existing family room. Is that correct?

Mr. Knowlton: Exactly.

Ms. Knowlton: That's right. We're going to try to make it blend in as much as possible.

Ms. Walker: What type of siding is on your property right now?

Mr. Knowlton: Cedar siding.

Ms. Walker: Is the plan to continue that and use the same siding on the front porch? To the extent that it has siding?

Mr. Knowlton: Yes. Cedar siding. Again, we want to put the same as what we have on the existing house.

Ms. Walker: The chimney is just going to be incorporated into the porch. Is that correct?

Mr. Knowlton: Exactly. That will be inside.

Ms. Walker: What appears as though its windows, I assume that's going to be screened or are there going to be windows as well?

Mr. Knowlton: We're going to have screens and windows. We're thinking of having like combination windows, screens that we can use as we need them. When the weather gets bad, we want to put the windows down and when it's good, we want to have the screens in.

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Ms. Walker: Sure. You say that as though we occasionally have bad weather here in New Hampshire.

Mr. Knowlton: [chuckles] I've heard a rumor.

[laughter]

Ms. Walker: I think after this weekend we can all confirm that rumor if it's true.

Mr. Knowlton: Yes, I think so.

Ms. Walker: I think so. Any comments or questions from any of my commission members? I think for myself I don't mean to minimize the project, but it looks very straightforward. It looks like a seamless extension to what's already there. I don't have a lot to add. I'll ask my fellow commission members. Lisa, do you have any questions or concerns?

Ms. Muskat: I do. I have one question. I certainly appreciate the number of illustrations that you have provided us to really see what your intent is. I think the addition looks really straightforward and really continues the architecture of your house. Thank you for that. My question though on one of the drawings, I don't know which one you represent a tree that seems rather large, and it isn't clear to me if that tree is something that's going to be removed for this new room? What's the role of the tree? Because in the drawing, it looks enormous.

Mr. Knowlton: The tree is very large and it is down and I've been working to get the stump cut down. The tree is gone.

Ms. Muskat: Oh, it's already gone? Okay. All right.

Mr. Knowlton: Yes. Because that was going to be in the line of where the plan came out.

Ms. Walker: Anything further, Lisa?

Ms. Muskat: No. That was my only question. Thank you for that.

Ms. Walker: Thank you. Chris?

Mr. Allen: I'm all set at this time. I don't have any further questions. Thank you.

Ms. Walker: Okay. Thank you. Lori?

Ms. Radke: Okay. I do have a question. I know, sorry. I was looking at the report that you sent so I can scroll through it and then I lost the Zoom. Anyway, that's my issue.

Ms. Walker: Go on.

Ms. Radke: How tall are those pylons-- they call them pylons where the beams are. It looks fairly large--

Mr. Knowlton: Not terribly. I think from where the other-- from where the foundation leaves off to the ground is probably less than four feet three or four feet maybe, at the most.

Ms. Radke: Oh, okay.

Mr. Knowlton: Looks like we're in a flood zone or something, but it's not really that way.

Ms. Radke: [laughs] Yes, it does. It's not. Okay.

Mr. Knowlton: No, it's pretty low to the ground, actually.

Ms. Radke: Oh, wait. I think I see. 42 and a half inches? Is that what I see?

Mr. Knowlton: Yes.

Ms. Radke: Okay. There you go. I found one. Okay.

Mr. Knowlton: Yes.

Ms. Walker: All right. Very good. It just looks like you'd be at the beach or something.

Mr. Knowlton: Right. It looks like Louisiana or something.

Ms. Walker: Yes. Find some stilts.

Mr. Knowlton: Right. [laughs]

Ms. Walker: Okay. That's it. Steve, do you have any questions or comments?

Mr. MacDougal: There's no door exiting from the porch area that you're putting on?

Mr. Knowlton: No. There is going to be a door. We just weren't sure which window we were going to put a door in. That detail will evolve as we do it. There will be, actually, an exit door.

Mr. MacDougal: Okay, so exiting to a set of stairs as opposed to a deck or something like that, though?

Mr. Knowlton: Not a deck. A set of stairs, or if we did the one over closest to the existing house, we might have two steps to the existing patio is what we were thinking. We were just logistically trying to figure out what would be the best, but there will be one.

Mr. MacDougal: The windows are common to whatever is in the family room area that you're referring to?

Mr. Knowlton: Yes, and we actually have one that's going to come out that we're going to go through the family room into, and they're going to be common to that.

Mr. MacDougal: Looks great.

Mr. Knowlton: Oh, super.

Ms. Walker: Thank you. John, any questions or comments or concerns?

Mr. Quintal: The only question I would have, you say you're going to have the sauna in there or hot tub.

Mr. Knowlton: Hot tub, yes.

Mr. Quintal: Obviously, a structural engineer will get involved to make sure you have the right beams and everything for that type of weight?

Mr. Knowlton: Definitely. We've already allowed for the supports that are going to go underneath where it is. That's been taken into account by the builder and the architect.

Mr. Quintal: I didn't know if this was a DIY or?

Mr. Knowlton: No. I have, actually, a friend who's a builder who's going to do it. He had an idea, and then we had the architect draw it up, and he had also, ideas about it. We're definitely going to put the supports on that. It's going to be on the far corner on the other side. It's going to be built up on that. The structure will be built with that in mind.

Mr. Quintal: Okay. That's all I have.

Mr. Knowlton: Cool.

Ms. Walker: Thank you. Jillian is there any-- or I should ask if there's any member of the public here that has any questions or comments, and then I'll ask Jillian if we've received any emails.

Ms. Jillian Harris: We have not received any emails on this application.

Ms. Walker: We received one today which is better than our normal meetings, so I'm very excited that we received an email on our last application. We're not the most popular meeting, I don't think, in the Town of Bedford.

Mr. MacDougal: It's a good thing.

Ms. Walker: Sorry, Steve?

Mr. MacDougal: That's a good thing.

Ms. Walker: Yes, I think so. All right. If there's nothing further, I'll ask if I can hear a motion. Anyone interested in making a motion on this application?

Mr. Allen: I'll make a motion.

Ms. Walker: Okay. Thank you, Chris.

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MOTION by Mr. Allen: I move that the Historic District Commission approve the request for construction of a screen porch addition at 13 Bell Hill Road, lot 20-5 in accordance with the information submitted because the applicant has provided evidence that demonstrates consistency with the Historic District Commission of Ordinance and Regulations subject to the following conditions. One, all work shall be completed by the applicant within two years of the date of the Historic District Commission approval. Two, the applicant shall submit photos of the completed work for the file.

Ms. Walker: Thank you. Can I hear a second?

Ms. Muskat: I'll second.

Ms. Walker: Thank you, Lisa, or Lori, I apologize. Lisa?

Ms. Radke: Aye.

Ms. Walker: Steve?

Mr. MacDougal: Aye.

Ms. Walker: I am also an aye. Mr. and Mrs. Knowlton, congratulations, your application is approved. Thank you for the detail that you provided to us in the application package and for the presentation this evening. We appreciate it very much.

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Knowlton: We appreciate it as well, thanks so much.

Ms. Walker: Thank you very much.

Ms. Muskat: Thank you. Goodnight.

Ms. Walker: Enjoy the rest of your evening.

Mr. Knowlton: Bye.

Ms. Walker: Thank you.

Ms. Knowlton: Bye.

IV. Minutes:

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Ms. Walker: Bye-bye. Okay. I believe that concludes our new business for this evening. We do need to review and approve our minutes from-- I'm trying to remember what month we're in-- from our May 4, 2021 meeting. Has everyone had an opportunity to review those minutes, and are there any corrections that we need to make before we take a vote on those? With no comments or concerns regarding the minutes, may I have a motion to approve them?

MOTION by Ms. Muskat: I'll make a motion to approve the minutes.

Ms. Walker: Thank you very much, Lisa. May I hear a second?

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Ms. Radke: Second.

Ms. Walker: Thank you, Lori. Chris?

Mr. Allen: I will abstain as I was not in attendance.

Ms. Walker: Thank you. I appreciate that. Steve?

Mr. MacDougal: Aye.

Ms. Walker: Thank you. I am also an aye. The motion carries, and the minutes are accepted and approved.

MOTION CARRIES.

IV. Communications:

Ms. Walker: Jillian, any communications that we need to address?

Ms. Jillian Harris: Yes, I just have one update. We got a notice today that it's possible the emergency order that allows for our virtual meetings may not be extended. I will have further details on that, but it's possible that our next meeting will be an in-person meeting, and we will be back to that format.

Ms. Walker: Will we get an email to that effect?

Ms. Jillian Harris: Yes. I don't have all the details yet, but all that will be forthcoming. It will really depend on what happens with that emergency order and if that does expire.

Ms. Walker: I had heard the governor was thinking of extending that emergency order for 14 days and then perhaps not extending it beyond that. I'm not surprised to hear that there may be some changes in the near future. From my own perspective, I would just ask that getting back to normal is a little stressful and everybody has to decide what their own risk tolerances are. I certainly would be respectful of anybody's concerns. We can certainly have conversations and everybody needs to mask or not mask and do what they feel is best for them and their families. I think we can wait and get additional information as it's forthcoming, as we get closer to that July meeting.

Ms. Jillian Harris: Send any concerns to me, that you might have, any details that you want us to work out before that happens, but we'll certainly try and make everybody comfortable with the transition back.

Ms. Walker: Certainly, the tables where the board members sit at is fairly large. I think that we will have the ability to be somewhat distant if we feel like that's necessary.

Ms. Jillian Harris: Yes. Especially for this board, there will be room to do the distancing, and of course, anybody can wear a mask if you feel comfortable with that.

Ms. Walker: Absolutely. All right. We will look forward to getting information from you when we get a little closer to that July meeting. It will actually be really nice to see everybody in person again. I have to admit that will be nice. Absolutely.

VI. Member comments and concerns:

Ms. Walker: Any other comments or concerns from any of the board members? No? Then with that, I will ask for one final motion this evening.

VII. Adjournment:

Ms. Walker: Can I hear a motion to adjourn?

MOTION by Mr. Allen: So moved.

Ms. Walker: Thank you very much, Chris. May I hear a second?

Ms. Radke: Second.

Ms. Walker: Thank you. Steve?

Mr. MacDougal: Aye.

Ms. Walker: Thank you. Chris made the motion. Lisa?

Ms. Muskat: Aye.

Ms. Walker: Thank you. I am also an aye.

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Ms. Walker: Thank you all very much. This meeting is adjourned. I hope everybody enjoys the rest of your evening, and I will look forward to perhaps seeing you in person in a month's time.

Ms. Muskat: Thank you. Goodbye.

Ms. Walker: Thank you all. Have a good night.

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 P.M.

The next meeting of the Historic District Commission will be July 6, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

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