

Town of Windham
Windham Historic District Commission
Minutes: October 30, 2013

The Windham Historic District Commission convened a public hearing at 7:30 PM, October 30, 2013, at the Windham Center School. Commissioners present were William McMunn, Chair; David Masopust, Nancy Thorpe and Alice Burns-Decelles; also present was property owner Diane Jester. The purpose of the public hearing was to review an Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness presented by Mrs. Diane Jester, current owner of Property #15, 34 Windham Center Road. She requested approval for a fence in the back of the house to contain two dogs. The visible portion of the fence is to be a white picket style fence made of wood. It will extend from the south side of the house to the stone wall on that side of the property. Another portion of the fence will continue from the end of that stone wall to the shrub line in the back of the house, joining with a new "livestock" type fence that will continue across the back yard and back to the house at the northeast corner. During the discussion that followed, the commission agreed that this was an appropriate style fence. Mrs. Jester had also included replacement of windows on the application. There was considerable discussion concerning options to repairing or replacing current period windows. The public hearing was closed at 7:58 PM.

The October meeting of the Windham Historic Commission opened its regular session at 8:00 PM. The first item of business was Mrs. Jester's application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for (1) a fence, described above, and (2) future replacement of period windows in the older part of the house. (1) A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to accept the proposal for the fence. (2) A motion to deny without prejudice the request for window replacement was made, seconded and unanimously passed since there were no specific details available at this time.

Other items brought before the Commission:

- Repair and placement of Ancient Town Notice Board. Discussion of the best location is continuing with Windham Free Library staff and board members.
- Exterior lights at Windham Center School north parking lot are in the process of being installed.
- The Windham Congregational Church will be replacing the current sign board with one that is similar to the existing one which is deteriorating due to age and weather. The church is also looking into a solution to restore and protect the stained glass windows in the sanctuary. In addition, future plans for painting the church are being discussed.
- The new owners of Property #45, 11 Plains Road, are repairing roofs over bay windows and will be discussing other plans with the Commission in the near future.

The meeting of the Commission was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

The next meeting of the Windham Historic Commission will be held on Wednesday, November 27; 7:30 at Windham Center School.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy S. Thorpe, Commission