

**MINUTES
WINDSOR HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
JULY 20, 2022
VIRTUAL MEETING, TOWN HALL
275 BROAD STREET, WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT**

Present: Commissioner Raney, Commissioner Dupont-Diehl, Commissioner Yeich, and Alternate Commissioner Yonkman.

Also Present: Todd Sealy, Assistant Town Planner
Robert and Rosemary Freeman
Moazzam Saifullah

Commissioner Yeich called the meeting to order at 7:11pm

The commission had a brief discussion on whether or not the commission should amend the regulations to approve solar panels as an administrative approval and not require the applications to be reviewed by the commission. Several commission members stated they were encouraged that homeowners are taking steps towards installing renewable energy technologies and they would like to streamline the review and approval process. There was a discussion on the visual impact of ground mounted solar panels verses roof mounted solar panels. Asst. Town Planner Sealy stated that the zoning regulations had some control over the location of ground mounted solar panels but it would be the purview of the commission to determine appropriateness of visibility from the road. Mr. Sealy offered to review historic district regulations in other towns to see how solar panels applications are administered.

- I. New Business
 - A. Minutes
 - Minutes June 15, 2022

Motion: Commissioner Dupont-Diehl moved to approve the Minutes of June 15, 2022. Commissioner Yonkman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously 3-0-0.

- II. Public Hearings for Certificate of Appropriateness
 - A. Certificate of Appropriateness: 355 Palisado Ave. Roof mounted solar panels, Freeman

Commissioner Raney rejoined the meeting

Robert and Rosemary Freeman presented the application to the Commission. Rosemary explained the location of the panels and stated that they have communicated their intentions with their neighbors and the neighbors were ok with it. Commissioner Dupont-Diehl asked the applicants about the location of the inverter, stating that it does not appear to be visible from the road. Rosemary stated that the inverter is a small box and it will not be visible from the

road. There were no further questions from the commission and no discussion on the application.

Motion: Commissioner Dupont-Diehl moved to approve application for 355 Palisado Ave., Roof mounted solar panels, Commissioner Yonkman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously 4-0-0.

- III. Old Business
- IV. Miscellaneous
- V. Adjournment

Motion: Commissioner Raney made the motion to adjourn at 7:18 p.m., Commissioner Dupont-Diehl seconded and it passed unanimously 4-0-0.