

**MINUTES
WINDSOR HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 2022 7:00 PM
VIRTUAL MEETING, TOWN HALL
275 BROAD STREET, WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT**

Present: Chairman Rubino, Commissioner Raney, Commissioner Yeich, and Alternate Commissioner Yonkman.

Also Present: Todd Sealy, Assistant Town Planner
Dan Riley, Jr.

Chairman Rubino called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

- I. New Business
 - A. Minutes
 - Minutes July 20, 2022

Motion: Commissioner Yeich moved to approve the minutes of July 20, 2022 as presented. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion and it passed unanimously 4-0-0.

- II. Public Hearings for Certificate of Appropriateness
 - A. Certificate of Appropriateness: 5 North Meadow Road, Generator, Banta

Todd Sealy, Assistant Town Planner, briefly reviewed the application.

Dan Riley, Jr. presented the application to the Commission and explained that they are looking to block the view of the generator with more bushes. Chairman Rubino commented that the HDC has seen applications for generators before and that they aren't the prettiest, but understands the need for them. Commissioner Yeich asked about the shape of the generator unit and commented that it seemed small. Mr. Riley, Jr. replied that it's a little bigger than an air conditioning compressor that's used for central air. He stated that it's about the same height and width and double the length and that once they add a few shrubs, no one will see it. Commissioner Yeich commented that it was a good plan and Chairman Rubino agreed and thought it would look fine. There were no further questions from the Commission.

Motion: Chairman Rubino moved to approve the application for 5 North Meadow Road, Generator, contingent upon the addition of shrubbery. Commissioner Yeich seconded the motion and it passed unanimously 4-0-0.

III. Old Business

Commissioner Yeich said that she was reminded while reading the July minutes that Mr. Sealy was going to look into solar panel regulations in other towns. Mr. Sealy stated that there had been a preliminary search done and that he would review it and share it via email with the Commission. Chairman Rubino thought it would be helpful information for the Commission to have as this issue will come before them again. Mr. Sealy reminded the Commission that the original question was if solar panels could be an administrative approval and if it required the Commission's review. He stated that the Commission would pick up the discussion at the next meeting.

IV. Miscellaneous

Commissioner Raney asked if the meeting calendar was set for the next year. Mr. Sealy stated that the calendar had been submitted to the Town Clerk. The meetings will remain the third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. He stated that he can resubmit the calendar if the Commission has any requested changes. Mr. Sealy said that Commissioner Yonkman had mentioned starting the meeting earlier at 6 p.m. Commissioner Raney stated that 6 p.m. is good for her because she has another meeting at 7 p.m., but Chairman Rubino commented that he's not home from work at 6 p.m. Commissioner Yeich proposed 6:30 p.m. and asked if that would work for Chairman Rubino. He stated that it could work as long as he knows in advance and can plan. Mr. Sealy stated that he would resubmit the schedule with meetings starting at 6:30 p.m. and to have a vote at the January meeting to make it official. The Commissioners were all in agreement.

V. Adjournment

Motion: Commissioner Raney made the motion to adjourn at 7:25 p.m., Commissioner Yonkman seconded and it passed unanimously 4-0-0.