

Historic District Commission  
Final Minutes  
March 16, 2023

Call Meeting to Order: Grayson Shephard, Vice Chair, called meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the Nowak Room in the Exeter Town Office Building.

Members Present: Grayson Shephard, Vice Chair, Pam Gjettum, Clerk, Gwen English, Planning Board Rep., Nico Papakonstantic, Select Board

Grayson then asked the commission members for a motion to have the person present go first. It is Exonian Properties, LLC, 43 Front Street, Case #21-13 with a request for an extension of Certificate of Appropriateness (approved). Nico made a motion for the person present to go first. Gwen seconded and all were in favor of this.

Grayson stated he had a letter from an attorney for Exonian Properties, LLC requesting a one year extension. Grayson then asked the commission if they had any questions or thoughts.

Pam said it is pretty clear and asked the person present if she had anything she wanted to add to the letter. She said they have not made any changes to what the commission had approved. It is just that things are taking longer.

Grayson then asked for a motion to approve the request. Pam made the motion to approve the request. Nico seconded. All were in favor and motion approved.

Next on the agenda is the Board discussion regarding an "Invite to Comment" received from Terracon on behalf of Cellco Partnership (d/b/a Verizon Wireless) for review of the proposed modifications to telecommunications tower located at 24 Front Street. Parcel #72-159-I. This proposal includes the replacement of eight existing antennas at this location. Grayson said this was tabled at the last meeting because the Board needed more information.

There were some folks on ZOOM. Speaking was Kathy Isley from Terracon and she is with Marty Gordon. She said they are here representing Verizon Wireless for their antenna replacement project on the building. Kathy stated that there are eight existing antennas on the building, but only four are visible. There are four antennas on the building now that Verizon is proposing to replace.

Grayson said that one of the things the commission was having a hard time with at the last meeting was size difference. What the difference is with what is present vs what is being replaced.

Kathy apologized that she did not get the paperwork to the commission on time for them to review the sizes. She then said she would share her screen and show the antennas.

Kathy then showed a slide showing the antennas from the side of the building. She then showed a slide of what the antennas would look like on the back of the building. One is larger and one is smaller. On the front of the building there are two existing antennas. Kathy then showed a proposed slide of the proposed front of the building. Out of the four antennas that will be replaced, this is two of them in the front.

Grayson said that from what the commission is seeing, it is relatively similar in size and asked if she had the dimensions. Kathy showed a slide with the dimensions and it is roughly 7" wider and 7" taller.

Grayson said the proposal indicates that you are going to continue the blend with the red and the white. Kathy said absolutely.

Grayson then asked the commission members if they had any thoughts or comments.

Gwen said she assumes the reason that one is larger than the other is because of some mechanical reason for a difference in size.

Kathy said yes. The smaller antenna is square in shape and it has to do with the sizing technology.

Niko said it is easier now that we have seen the pictures and have the explanation, it does not appear to drastically change.

Grayson said we do not have a formal application before us, it is just an invitation for comment and from my perspective it seems to be pretty consistent with what's existing. I don't have any further questions or issues to address as far as what has been proposed.

Pam said neither do I and this is exactly what I wanted last month.

Grayson then said without any further comments, we will give our blessings and we appreciate you taking the time to put this together.

Last is the minutes from February but there are not enough members to approve them so minutes tabled until the next meeting.

With no further business, Grayson made a motion to adjourn. Gwen said so moved and the meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elizabeth Herrick  
Recording Secretary