

Historic District Commission
June 18, 2025
Final Minutes

Call Meeting to Order: Grayson Shephard, Chairman, called meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the Novak Room of the Exeter Town Office Building.

Members Present: Grayson Shephard, Chairman, Verity Boyer, Kevin Kahn, Vice Chair, Gwen English, Planning Board Rep., Amanda Kelly, new member

New Business: Public Hearing: The application of Brian Melick of Greenwing Construction (on behalf of Paul and Jenn Young) for review of a proposal for the demolition of an existing porch and garage; and change in appearance for the proposed construction of a new 5' x 14' porch with hip roof and new 3-bay garage on the property located at 84 Front Street. Case #25-2.

Brian Melick was there to speak along with Paul and Jenn Young the homeowners.

Brian said there are two parts to this project. Phase One is the side porch that is roughly 6' x 7'. We want to extend that an additional ten feet or so along the length of the house. We also want to reframe the roof to have it match better with the existing.

Phase Two would be demolition of the garage and reconstruction of the 3-bay garage. which everyone has a copy of pictures of this.

Grayson said, we can start with Phase One the porch.

Brian said, the Heritage Commission has already given us approval for demolition.

Grayson then asked if there were any questions. Verity asked about the material.

Brian said, I would probably do an azek or something else that gets painted and is rot resistant.

Verity said, thi looks like a pretty great design for the porch.

Grayson asked, is the whole porch going to be the asic material?

Brian said just on the bottom and the railings are all going to be painted wood and the decking is also going to be painted wood.

Grayson asked, what material will you be using for the stairs?

Brian said, PT stringers with wood decking on top and some sort of composite on the sides that gets painted white.

Grayson said, we generally like to see samples of the material that is going to be used. I don't have a preference for the design, I just want to see what we are signing off on as far as the material goes.

Next, on to Phase Two the garage. Kevin asked if the roofing on the new garage would be the same as what is on the house?

Brian said yes and it will be architectural shingles. There was discussion with commission members about the size of the windows.

Grayson asked what the material would be for the garage doors.

Brian said, the entry doors are going to be painted fiberglass and they will be fire doors. Fiberglass garage doors as well and painted to match the house color.

Grayson said, with the garage, it will have 6 over 6 windows and if you can bring a spec sheet for the materials and the same for the porch for next month's meeting. I appreciate your time and the design is going to look really good and we will see you next month.

Other Business: Election of Officers. Kevin will continue to be Vice Chair. All were in favor. Grayson will continue to be Chair. All were in favor. The Clerk will be tabled until the next meeting.

Next is the approval of the April 17th minutes. After review and some changes, Kevin made a motion to approve as amended. Gwen seconded. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

New Business: Verity said, this is related to the Certified Local Government Grant the Town of Exeter got for \$20,000 to inventory 30 historic properties within the district. Julie and Dave wanted me to pass around the form that is going to be used in this process and it is a long form. This is a deviation from the NH

Division of Historic Resources Inventory Form but it was approved by the HR so it is acceptable for use. The goal of all of this work is to make sure information about historic structures is accessible to us as a commission.

With no further business, Kevin called for a motion to adjourn. Verity seconded. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Herrick
Recording Secretary