

Historic District Commission
December 18, 2025
Final Minutes

Call Meeting to Order: Pam Gjettum filling in as Chair, called meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the Novak Room of the Exeter Town Office Building.

Members Present: Pam Gjettum, Acting Chair, Julie Gilman, Select Board Rep., Gwen English, Planning Board Rep. and Amanda Kelly, new member

New Business: Public Hearing: The application of James J. Home for changes to the existing structure at 28 Front Street for the replacement of the existing clapboards and block type beveled pine with cedar clapboards. Case # 25-5.

Michael Streets was representing James Home who was not present. Michael said, I am from Newfields and I work for James Home who owns a management company and I am one of his property managers. I manage the office he owns at 11 Court Street right behind 28 Front Street. He showed me what he is looking to do. A couple of years ago he replaced a couple of elevations with cedar siding and he is looking to do more of that. He showed me the beveled pine that looks like blocks on the front and side. He wants to replace that with cedar as well. The flat stock white trim that is currently pine he wants to replace that with an azak or similar product if that would be acceptable.

Julie then made a motion to accept the application as complete because the letter really explains what will be done and we have all the information on the materials. Amanda seconded. All were in favor and the application was accepted.

Pam then asked if anyone had any questions.

Julie asked, why are you removing the stone looking pieces?"

Michael said, the pine on the lower elevations is pine and it is soft and gets damaged very easily and fast. James wants to do the cedar as a more hardy option.

Julie said, the style of the beveled wood was popular for people to dress up their house. We only have a few samples of it left in town. A couple on Front Street, a couple on High Street. The idea was to make it look like stone. With this house, the detail in the front is kind of high profile and high end. I just want to say that the clapboards will not fit with that look. The side is fine for change. I think it is just the front because that is what people saw.

Michael said, if the beveled wood block look is the way the commission wants to go, is it possible to do azak paneling that would look like the beveled pine. It would be an azak painted blue.

Julie said, if that is an option then absolutely. Just to clarify the owner would prefer to do shakes on the addition or not?

Michael said, he would do whatever you wanted.

Julie then made a motion to approve as appropriate the removal of the beveled wood on the right side of the building to be replaced with cedar clapboards. Amanda seconded. All were in favor and motion approved.

Julie made a motion to approve the trim changes as presented. Amanda seconded. All were in favor and motion approved.

Julie made a motion that on the left side addition replace the beveled wood with cedar clapboards. Amanda seconded. All were in favor and motion approved.

Julie made a motion to have the front elevation remain in the materials as is with beveled wood or an alternate material with the same appearance. Amanda seconded. All were in favor and motion approved.

Other Business: Approval of the October 16, 2025 Minutes. After review and a few changes, Julie made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Amanda seconded. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

Julie said there is a Wolfeboro Heritage Commission Conference with the Certified Preservation Alliance and we are all invited. It is in Wolfeboro on Christmas Eve.

With no further business, Julie made a motion to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Herrick
Recording Secretary