

**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
NOVEMBER 7, 2013**

Town of Bedford
Bedford Town Hall
Lower Level Conference Room

PRESENT: William Moonan, Chair; Alan Long; Lorrie Dunham

ABSENT: Karen Kalil-Brown, Clerk; Carol Carlson

Mr. Moonan, Chair of the Historic District Commission (HDC), introduced himself and read the emergency evacuation notice.

PRESENTATION: Mr. Long read the notice of the hearing.

PETITION #007-14 – Bedford Fire Station, 55 Great Road, for tree removal.

Roy Sorenson, the Department of Public Works (DPW) Director, introduced himself. He explained that a tree currently stood next to the Fire Station which had been dropping limbs onto vehicles, and the Town would like to have it removed for safety purposes. He stated that Dennis Freeman, the Town's certified arborist, has declared that the tree is close to dead and will continue losing limbs.

The Commission members talked with Mr. Sorenson about the possibility of setting up some kind of system in the future that will allow residents or business owners in the Historic District to contact the DPW for a ruling on a tree; if the DPW ruled that the tree was dead or beyond saving, an HDC hearing would not need to be held. Mr. Sorenson said that was certainly something they could look into, and he believed it was possible to make it a reality in the near future.

Mr. Moonan called for a motion to approve the tree removal.

MOTION:

Mr. Long moved to grant approval to the Bedford Department of Public Works to remove the tree at the corner of the Bedford Fire Station, at 55 Great Road.

Ms. Dunham seconded the motion.

Voting in favor: Moonan, Long, and Dunham

Voting against: None

Abstained: None

The motion carried unanimously, 3-0-0.

PRESENTATION: Mr. Long read the notice of the hearing.

PETITION #008-14 – Doris Webber, at 8 Maple Street, for tree removal.

Ms. Webber greeted the Commission and stated that she would like to remove the dead pine tree at the front corner of her property.

MOTION:

Mr. Long moved to grant approval to Doris Webber, at 8 Maple Street, to remove the dead pine tree at the front corner of her property.

Ms. Dunham seconded the motion.

Voting in favor: Moonan, Long, and Dunham

Voting against: None

Abstained: None

The motion carried unanimously, 3-0-0.

PRESENTATION: Mr. Long read the notice of the hearing.

PETITION #005-14 – Talal Ali-Ahmad, at 143 Great Road, for tree removal.

Mr. Moonan pointed out that he had informed the applicant that he did not need to be present for this hearing, since it was so straightforward. He stated that the tree in question was at the side of the property of the house at 143 Great Road, on the corner of Great Road and Bacon Street. He noted that the photographs included with the application show that the tree was clearly dead.

MOTION:

Mr. Long moved to grant approval to Talal Ali-Ahmad, at 143 Great Road, for removal of the dead tree on the property.

Ms. Dunham seconded the motion.

Voting in favor: Moonan, Long, and Dunham

Voting against: None

Abstained: None

The motion carried unanimously, 3-0-0.

PRESENTATION: Ms. Dunham read the notice of the hearing.

PETITION #006-14 – Alan Long, at 43 Great Road, for tree removal.

Mr. Moonan asked Mr. Long whether he felt he could be objective enough to vote on this petition. Mr. Long said he could, especially since it was clear that the tree he was proposing to remove was dead. Mr. Long referred to the photograph in the application packet. Mr. Moonan agreed that there was no reason not to grant approval for the tree removal.

MOTION:

Ms. Dunham moved to grant approval for Alan Long, at 43 Great Road, for removal of the dead hemlock tree on the property.

Mr. Moonan seconded the motion.

Voting in favor: Moonan, Long, and Dunham

Voting against: None

Abstained: None

The motion carried unanimously, 3-0-0.

MOTION:

Mr. Long moved to adjourn the meeting.

Ms. Dunham seconded the motion.

Voting in favor: Moonan, Long, and Dunham

Voting against: None

Abstained: None

The motion carried unanimously, 3-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

William Moonan, Chairman Date

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Gould
HDC Assistant