

**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
JANUARY 5, 2022**

Town of Bedford
Remote Participation Conference Call
Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

PRESENT: William Moonan, Chair; Alan Long, Vice Chair; Karen Kalil Brown, Clerk; Sal Canciello; Karl Winkler

ABSENT: None

Mr. Moonan introduced himself and read the Governor's Order regarding virtual hearings. The Historic District Commission (HDC) members and assistant introduced themselves.

PRESENTATION: Ms. Kalil-Brown read the notice of the hearing.

PETITION #007-21 – Town of Bedford, for the Bedford Police Station, at 2 Mudge Way, for addition/renovation.

Taissir Alani, of the Bedford Facilities Department, greeted the Commission and introduced Zel Toncic, the architect for the project. Robert Bonjiourno, the Police Chief, also greeted the Board.

Mr. Alani explained that the team had met regarding the discussion from the last meeting, at which time the Board had suggested using faux windows along the front façade of the police station addition, along The Great Road. He noted that it was ultimately determined that the faux windows were simply not in the budget, so they were instead proposing to keep the recessed brick as originally proposed, with plantings in front to break up the façade.

There was extensive discussion about whether this plan would be amenable to the Commission. The members talked about aesthetics and plantings.

Mr. Winkler showed photographs of the faux windows at the Department of Public Works (DPW) building and pointed out that, in his opinion, the windows looked terrible and were a poor substitute for the real thing. He noted that they were fading and looked quite unsightly as you walked or drove by the building. He said that he would much prefer seeing the recessed brick with the landscaping in front. After more discussion, the other members agreed.

Mr. Moonan called for a motion.

MOTION:

Mr. Winkler moved to approve three blank recessed brick windows on The Great Road side of the police station addition at 2 Mudge Way. The plan will incorporate three arbor vitae trees of proper height (six to eight foot specimens) to obscure the windows, as shown on Exhibit A.

Ms. Kalil-Brown seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Moonan: Aye
Long: Aye
Kalil-Brown
Canciello: Aye
Winkler: Aye

The motion carried unanimously, 5-0-0.

Adjournment

Mr. Moonan called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION:

Mr. Long moved to adjourn the meeting.

Ms. Kalil-Brown seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Moonan: Aye
Long: Aye
Kalil-Brown
Canciello: Aye
Winkler: Aye

The motion carried unanimously, 5-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

William Moonan, Chair

Date

Respectfully Submitted,
Scott Gould
HDC Assistant