

**Minutes of the Historic District Commission  
Thursday, June 6, 2013  
Brookfield Town Hall**

- Call to Order:* The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Jacqueline Salame, Chairperson
- Members Present:* Robert Brown, Vice Chairperson; Kevin Archer; Peter Bertolami; Rosemary Erb-Fawcett; Liz De Lambert; Laura Mancuso
- Members Absent:* Harold Proudfoot
- Public Attendance:* Elizabeth McDonough, 8 Winding Road  
Ken Arifian, on behalf of the Congregational Church  
Alice Gish, regarding property 10 Long Meadow Hill Road

J. Salame moved to begin with the Pre-Hearing portion of the meeting rather than the Public Hearing. R. Brown seconded; all approved.

**Public Hearing opened at 7:19 p.m.:**

- **Application 2013-03:** The Congregational Church of Brookfield, 160 Whisconier Road, for the replacement of the Parsonage fence along Route 133 (Junction Road).

The Church would like to replace the pickets only of the fence across the south front portion of the property, The new fence pickets will be replaced with white, pointed top, flat pickets from Addressi Fencing LLC (see attachment to application).

R. Erb-Fawcett moved to accept the fence as presented above; L. De Lambert and R. Brown both recused themselves from voting due to conflict of interest; L. Mancuso seconded, all approved.

- **Application 2013-04:** The Congregational Church of Brookfield, 160 Whisconier Road, for exterior changes including but not limited to: a hood vent in the north elevation, a new accessible concrete walkway from the north parking lot with the addition of stone retaining walls for the ramp section; manipulation of the existing grade; rebuilding of the porch addition.

The property is a residential property circa 1812. The zoning uses of the property can be residential, mixed commercial/church/parish use. The church is exploring using the parsonage for income producing space, office space, or assembly space for public use.

There are several issues for the Commission to consider: the handicapped ramp with an added path, replacement of the foundation and deck of the side porch and back room; the industrial stove hood if required to meet fire suppression codes.

J. Salame moved to keep the public hearing open in order to allow time for the Commission members to make a site visit so they could better understand the architectural drawings. More information on the entry door from the porch, and tare sheets on the vent were requested by the HDC. R. Erb-Fawcett seconded; all approved. R. Brown, L. De Lambert, and K. Archer recused themselves from voting due to conflict of interests.

- **Application 2013-05:** The Congregational Church of Brookfield, 160 Whisconier Road, for the installation of solar roof panels to the western facing roof of the church school toward the back parking lot.

Approximately 95 solar panels will cover the entire portion of the roof. The panels will produce 38,000 kilowatts of power that will provide 60% of the electric for the church complex. The panels could be visible from Silvermine Road and on Route 133 south near the parsonage. Panels will be black and flat to appear less obvious.

J. Salame moved to keep the public hearing open and requested a better view of the panels showing the projected height of the panels off of the roof. The Commission also needs to review the Secretary of the Interior Standards in order to make an informed decision. L. Mancuso seconded; all approved. R. Brown and L. De Lambert recused from voting due to conflict of interests.

- **Application 2013-06:** The Congregational Church of Brookfield, 160 Whisconier Road, for the addition of a concrete pad and new entry door at the rear of the cottage for basement access.

The basement door will be between the two windows at the back of the cottage. The door will be tongue and groove with the v-joint to the exterior. Roof over the door will be cantilevered for rain protection and lighting. The windows will be rebuilt to improve operation. The trim will be replaced with pine to match the existing trim. The cedar shakes may be replaced if required above the windows.

J. Salame motioned to approve with exception that the door be a butt joint to the exterior rather than v-joint so it would match the existing siding. L. Mancuso seconded, all approved. R. Brown and L. De Lambert recused themselves from voting due to conflict of interests.

#### **Pre-hearing opened at 7:05 p.m.:**

- Elizabeth McDonough, 8 Winding Road, discussion of the replacement of the front porch, driveway, and walkway.

Replace the cement walkway and front porch with bluestone, and repave the driveway with asphalt.

- Alice Gish for property owned at 10 Long Meadow Hill Road, discussion of a replacement for the garage door.

The Commission suggested to A. Gish that she discuss with the garage door company the possibility of re-facing the door to appear the same as the original door with panels, and return to the Commission with possible solutions for the replacement.

- **Application 2013-07:** Terry and Ed Fiddler, 175 Whisconier Road for the replacement of the fence along the front of the property. The Commission will not allow vinyl fencing for this property and requests that the Fiddler's resubmit the application with wood fencing options.

**Old Business:**

- Residents Meeting 2013 – Mary Dunne has not yet contacted J. Salame.
- 857 Federal Road – June 27 New Public Hearing
- Historic District Walking Tour – September 14, 1 p.m. (rain date, September 15) – Brochure continues to be a work in progress.
- The minutes from the May 2 meeting were accepted as presented.

R. Brown moved to adjourn the meeting at 10 p.m.; L. de Lambert seconded, all approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Brown, Secretary