

**Minutes of the Historic District Commission  
Thursday, October 3, 2013  
Brookfield Town Hall**

- Call to Order:*                    The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Jacqueline Salame,  
Chairperson
- Members Present:*            Robert Brown, Vice Chairperson; Kevin Archer; Peter Bertolami; Liz De  
Lambert; Rosemary Erb-Fawcett; Laura Mancuso
- Members Absent:*             Harold Proudfoot
- Public Attendance:*         Terry Fiddler, 175 Whisconier Road  
Don Reisert of DRS Construction accompanied Terry Fiddler  
Drew Osgood, 10 Winding Road

**Public Hearing opened at 7:03 p.m.**

*Application 2013-07:* Terry Fiddler, 175 Whisconier Road, for the replacement of the fence along the front of the property.

The fence will be constructed of Victorian straight top square picket fence of high quality vinyl matte finish, 4 feet high, 8 foot sections. Style V700-4 in the Illusions Vinyl Fence brochure. Cement fiberboard, Azak, and wood has been considered. Wood was thought to be equally as expensive as the vinyl including the cost of maintenance and painting.

Discussion by the Commission members covered the following points:

- If vinyl were to be approved, it was thought that smaller posts and longer sections than proposed would be lessen the impact of the vinyl look.
- To lessen the "mass" of vinyl, the fence height may be lowered to 3 feet.
- Any Victorian style fence might not be appropriate for the era of the house.
- For a less massive look, the 4 x 6 gate posts might be changed to 4 x 4.

The Commission has requested time over the next few weeks to examine existing fences using the same matte finish vinyl material before voting on the application. The Commission also will explore the cost of using and maintaining wood over time versus a vinyl fence, and the estimated cost by the contractor.

R. Erb-Fawcett moved to continue the public hearing at the next meeting. L. De Lambert seconded; all approved.

*Application 2013-08:* Drew Osgood, 10 Winding Road, for additions to the house.

Two bedrooms and one bath will be added upstairs, enlarge the kitchen, and add a covered porch in the front and back of the house. The homeowner will remove the vinyl siding and attempt to match the clapboard that was original to the house with some vinyl on the corners. Field stone chimney will be matched as it extends up to the new second floor. All windows will be replaced with two over one lights.

The drawings are not completely coordinated from each view and without dimensions. The Commission needs more detailed information on the drawings as to the type of materials and the size of materials that will be used for the windows, roof, gables, etc.

The Commission has requested D. Osgood to remove his truck, camper, and motorcycle trailer around to the back of the property so that it isn't visible from the right of way.

J. Salame moved to keep the public hearing open until the next meeting. R. Erb-Fawcett seconded; all approved.

R. Erb-Fawcett moved to close the public hearing and open the business meeting. R. Brown seconded; all approved.

**Business Meeting opened at 8:30 p.m.:**

**Old Business:**

Historic District Walking Tour conducted on September 14 was successful. Approximately sixty people attended the walking tour, and comments were positive.

R. Brown moved to adjourn the meeting at 9 p.m.; P. Bertolami seconded, all approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Brown, Secretary