

**APPROVED**  
**Historic District Commission**  
**October 2, 2014**

**Public Hearing re: Ann Pattison, 152 Main St., Map 17, Lot 53**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Irene Bush; Patty Cohen; Jeffrey Hughes; Kate Murray;  
Elaine Nollet; Peter Reed; Rodney Rowland

Chairman Rowland called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and introduced Jeff Hughes as a new alternate to the HDC.

**Public Hearing re: Ann Pattison, 152 Main St., Map 17, Lot 53:**

**GUEST:** Anna Housko-Pattison, representing the applicant

Chairman Rowland announced this was a public hearing for Ann Pattison, 152 Main St., Map 17, Lot 53. The applicant requests a 6 foot cedar post fence to run the length of the property that abuts 160 Main Street. The public hearing was properly advertised, abutters have been notified and all fees paid.

Anna Housko-Pattison, daughter of the applicant, said they are requesting permission to install a border fence, and referred to a sketch, (Attachment A.) Her neighbor's fence is falling on to their property, (Attachment B) and their neighbor has refused to repair the fence this past year.

Housko-Pattison said there are two types of fence they could install; 1) cedar, (Attachment C); and 2) vinyl. She would like to do the cedar fence, however, given the fact that the neighbors will not take down their falling fence, she will not have access to maintain the cedar fence because they do not have access to the other side. She pointed out that they had another estimate done for a vinyl fence.

Cohen asked if a survey had been done on Pattison's property and suggested that Anna check with Pam Cullen regarding resources and what has been done regarding the fence. She should find out if a survey has been done to determine if this fence is on Pattison's property.

Housko-Pattison said that currently there are two to three sections of fence that are lying on the ground on their (neighbor) property.

The Chair questioned who owns the dead space between both fences. The only concern he has is that the HDC cannot approve any other fence material other than cedar as the application only speaks to a cedar board panel. The Board cannot approve a vinyl fence because it was not properly advertised. If the applicant has concerns, the Board can postpone this public hearing to another month and return before the HDC with another application for a vinyl fence.

Cohen agreed with Chairman Rowland that the applicant should get a survey to find out who owns the buffer between the two fences. The Board does not have enough information to make a decision this evening on cedar versus vinyl and the Board asked for clarification on the location of the property line.

Housko-Pattison will check with Town Hall if a survey has been done on her mother's property.

Cohen also suggested for Housko-Pattison to check with Pam Cullen to see if there has been a survey done on the neighbor's house as it is a matter of public record. She suggests postponing this public hearing until next month or later.

Housko-Pattison agreed to continue this public hearing to November 6, 2014.

In summary, Cohen said the Board will need to know if a survey has been done on the neighbor's house and will also need to know where the property line is located.

For the record, Chairman Rowland received a letter from Richard Groton, 39 Cranfield St., abutter, who is in favor of Ann Pattison's plans for a fence, (Attachment D.)

**Bush moved for the HDC Board to approve continuing this public hearing until November 6, 2014. Murray seconded the motion. Approved.**

Chairman Rowland closed the public hearing for Ann Pattison to be continued next month.

**Review of HDC Minutes of September 4, 2014:**

**Nollet moved for the HDC to approve the HDC minutes of September 4, 2014, as amended. Murray seconded the motion. Approved.**

**Gable Dormers & Roof Height Restrictions:**

Discussion followed on the guidelines for the Historic District.

**Adjournment:**

**Nollet moved to adjourn the meeting. Murray seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Anita Colby  
Recording Secretary

Attachment A: Applicant's sketch showing placement of new fence  
Attachment B: Photograph showing fence falling on to property  
Attachment C: Photograph showing cedar fence  
Attachment D: Letter from Richard Groton, abutter, in favor of new fence