

NORTH COVE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
PUBLIC HEARING  
FEBRUARY 25, 1998

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The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm in the library of the middle school. Those members present were Barbara Aubin, Chair, Barbara Lincoln, Vice-Chair, Donna D. DiBella, Clerk and Carol Maxwell. The minutes of the previous Fall meeting were read and approved. Barbara Lincoln distributed the most recent map of the properties and the mailing list for the District.

Steve Harney spoke on the status of the project to bury the utilities along North Cove Road. It is to start at the Connolly residence (pole 389) and run to just beyond the David residence (pole 401). Steve is finalizing things with NorthEast Utilities and Snet. Further update at the Spring meeting. Discussion followed on charging by the frontage or a fixed dollar amount.

John Price made a motion to no longer discuss the issue of the memorial benches. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The first Certificate of Appropriateness application to be discussed was the Maxwell property. Carol Maxwell described the scope of work to be done as a half-moon driveway, made of oil/stone penetration and a stone retaining wall to be erected in front of their home at 100 North Cove Road. The wall is to be the same height as the grade of the front yard, approximately 18-20 inches. The wall is to be made of fieldstone and no mortar or concrete will show at the front. One normal sized or two small cars will fit in the proposed area. The project is to commence March 1998.

The Horan Certificate was then discussed. The work to be done would be a new window, to match their two existing windows in the front of their home at 118 North Cove Road.

A letter was written by Janet Foisie and read by Donna D. DiBella, Clerk. It addressed the common courtesy of one neighbor to another to inform adjacent neighbors and those across the street when change directly affects them. She specifically noted the Maxwell project, which directly affects her view. If as neighbors we share our exterior plans for our homes, it leads to better communication among North Cove Road residents and fewer surprises. A discussion followed. Barbara Lincoln volunteered to contact several neighbors and develop guidelines for neighbors to follow in the future. It was noted that as a Commission we can neither legislate nor force someone to share plans however, it does foster openness and good feelings among neighbors.

At 8:22pm the public hearing portion of the meeting ended.

A special meeting followed at which time both Certificates of Appropriateness were voted on. The commission approved the Maxwell project and the Horan project.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna D. DiBella, Clerk

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