#### **BOROUGH OF FENWICK**

#### HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

## **REGULAR MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING – JUNE 3, 2023**

A Regular Meeting and Public Hearing of the Fenwick Historic District Commission was held via Zoom on Saturday, June 3, 2023. Notice of the meeting was posted in a timely manner on the Fenwick kiosk, on the website, and in the Harbor News.

Members Present: Matt Myers, Valerie Bulkeley (joined meeting at agenda item 9), Deborah

Neely, Beverly Keeney Patsy Jones.

Members Absent: Scott Pulver (Alternate), Ashley Gengras (Alternate), Mike Reynolds

(Alternate).

Others Present: Marilyn Ozols, ZEO and HDC Compliance Official; Cindy Rehm.

## 1. Call to order.

Chairman Myers called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A quorum was established (Myers, Neely, Keeney, Jones).

**2. Public Hearing: 19 Neponset Avenue, map 11, lot 14.** Jack Rehm, Trustee, owner; Jack & Cynthia Rehm, applicants. Application HDC23-002 to add split ac unit to garage apartment.

Cindy Rehm presented. She stated that the proposal is to install a mini-split air conditioning unit on the guest house; the unit will be on the right side of the garage on the Sequassen Avenue side of the property; the unit will be behind an existing bush, which will essentially hide it from public view; the unit is very quiet; and neighbors on both sides have indicated that they have no objections.

Members identified the location on the site plan and indicated that there are a number of similar units in the Borough and they have no issues with the proposal as submitted.

After asking for public comment and any additional input, on a motion by B. Keeney seconded by D. Neely, it was voted unanimously to close the public hearing and go into regular session.

For: Myers, Neely, Keeney, Jones.

Against: None. Abstain: None.

3. Possible Action on HDC23-002: 19 Neponset Avenue.

Based on the discussion in the hearing, P. Jones moved to approve the application as submitted and to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness for Application HDC23-002, 19 Neponset Avenue, to add a split ac unit to the garage apartment. D. Neely seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

For: Myers, Neely, Keeney, Jones.

Against: None. Abstain: None.

On a motion by D. Neely, seconded by B. Keeney, it was voted unanimously to go back into public hearing.

For: Myers, Neely, Keeney, Jones.

Against: None. Abstain: None.

**4. Public Hearing: 30 Fenwick Avenue, map 10, lot 30.** Tom & Darlene Ryder, owners and applicants. Application HDC23-003 to replace and add fence and replace cupola. WITHDRAWN

- 5. Possible Action on HDC23-003: 30 Fenwick Avenue. No application.
- **6. Public Hearing: 4 Nibang Avenue, map 10, lot 1.** Borough of Fenwick owner and applicant. Application HDC23-004 to install security camera hidden in birdhouse.

M. Ozols stated that the existing security camera is too far from the road to capture license plate numbers and it was determined that a camera close to the road is necessary to do this. The plan is to hide the camera inside a birdhouse structure mounted at the corner of the fence as shown in the photo, not in the location shown on the sketch. The birdhouse will not be a useable birdhouse.

Members clarified the location and had no issues.

After asking for public comment and any additional input, on a motion by B. Keeney, seconded by P. Jones, it was voted unanimously to close the public hearing and go into regular session.

For: Myers, Neely, Keeney, Jones.

Against: None. Abstain: None.

## 7. Possible Action on HDC23-004: 4 Nibang Avenue.

Based on the discussion in the hearing, B. Keeney moved to approve the application as presented and to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness for Application HDC23-004, 4 Nibang Avenue, to install security camera hidden in a birdhouse. P. Jones seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

For: Myers, Neely, Keeney, Jones.

Against: None. Abstain: None.

## 8. Reports on Current Projects.

24 Pettipaug Avenue. B. Keeney reported that she has been monitoring the construction and it is consistent with the approved plans. She had noted that the decorative window in the gable was not installed, but M. Ozols checked with the contractor and the window is backordered and will not be installed until fall; the area is temporarily shingled for aesthetic purposes over the summer.

V. Bulkeley joined the meeting at this time.

9. Approval of Minutes: March 4, 2023.

B. Keeney moved that the minutes of the previous HDC meeting on March 4, 2023 be accepted as written. D. Neely seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

For: Myers, Bulkeley, Neely, Keeney, Jones.

Against: None. Abstain: None.

# 10. Adjourn.

On a motion by D. Neely, seconded by B. Keeney, it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:12 a.m.

The next meeting is Saturday, July 8, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn M. Ozols, Acting Clerk