

**BOROUGH OF FENWICK**  
**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING –SEPTEMBER 28, 2020**  
**VIRTUAL MEETING, 10:00 AM**

A special Meeting and Public Hearing of the Fenwick Historic District Commission was held using the Zoom meeting format on Monday, September 28, 2020. Notice of the meeting was posted in a timely manner on the Fenwick kiosk and on the website.

Members Present: Matt Myers, Valerie Bulkeley, Deborah Neely, Beverly Keeney, Patsy Jones Ashley Gengras (Alternate), Scott Pulver (Alternate).

Members Absent: Mike Reynolds (Alternate).

Others Present: Marilyn Ozols, ZEO and HDC Compliance Official, Brooke Girty, Jetta and Attilio Albani.

**1. Call to order**

Chairman Myers called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and seated S. Pulver until V. Bulkeley's arrival. A quorum was established (Myers, Pulver, Jones, Neely, Keeney).

**2. Public Hearing: 23 Pettipaug Avenue, map 10, lot 23-1.** Attilio and Jetta Albani, owners and applicants. Application HDC20-032 to replace and relocate generator.

J. and A. Albani presented. A. Attilio stated that in the last storm, the generator seized up and it needs to be replaced; the previous location was too close to the garage and lattice so the position must be changed to provide adequate distance; the lattice will go around the two ac units; the generator color matches the garage and lattice so they would like it to be left open; plants must be at least 30" away; they would like it to sit where it is placed without additional screening since visibility from the sidewalk is negligible. J. Albani added that the lattice will go all the way around the ac units, not be open as it is in the photos; the panel was removed to allow access for the generator installation.

M. Myers suggested placing bushes farther from the generator as was done at the Savin house where the generator is in the front yard but is not visible. V. Bulkeley added that the generator can be seen from the south side so it should be planted out, and P. Jones added that the plantings should be far away from the generator exhaust.

A. Albani expressed concern that the area behind the garage is not very wide and is the pathway from the side yard to the beach, so he does not want to obstruct it. He stated that they could put an island farther out in the yard, but it might look odd and that the existing grasses close to the generator will need to be removed. In response to a question he indicated that the generator exhaust will be on the east side.

V. Bulkeley stated that the Commission needs to be consistent and if they have mandated shrubbery for others, they need to do so here also. Members agreed and suggested that there should be a location and a type of shrubbery that would work.

A. Attilio suggested extending the island that is visible in the photos and members agreed that would work. He added that the planting will occur in the spring since it is late in the season now and will most likely be holly like what is already in the yard. Members agreed and noted that any evergreen will be fine.

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

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

Against: None.  
Abstain: None.

**3. Possible Action on HDC20-032, 23 Pettipaug Avenue.**

Based on the discussion in the hearing, **V. Bulkeley moved to approve the application as presented with the stipulation that planting will be done in the spring to screen the placement and to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness for Application HDC20-032, 23 Pettipaug Avenue, to replace and relocate the generator. P. Jones seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.**

For: Myers, Bulkeley, Jones, Neely, Keeney.  
Against: None.  
Abstain: None.

**4. Approval of Minutes: September 12, 2020.**

**V. Bulkeley moved that the minutes of the previous HDC meeting on September 12, 2020 be accepted as written. D. Neely seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

For: Myers, Bulkeley, Jones, Neely, Keeney.  
Against: None.  
Abstain: None.

**5. Adjourn.**

**On a motion by V. Bulkeley, seconded by D. Neely it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 10:16 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn M. Ozols, Acting Clerk