

October 18, 2018 - Historic District Committee

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMITTEE
27 School Street
HILLSBOROUGH, NH
October 18, 2018

DATE APPROVED: 10/24/18

TIME: 6:30 - 8:15 p.m.

MEMBERS: Jan Michael, Jay Emmert, Jim Larkin,

EX-OFFICIO:

PLANNING DIRECTOR: Robyn Payson

ALTERNATES:

EXCUSED: Herm Wiegelman, Jim Bailey III

Also Present: Laura Buono - Town Administrator, Claudia Larkin-Recording Secretary, Creighton Demarest, Kay Bennett, Steve Bennett, Margaret Seymour, Laurie Jutzie

NEW BUSINESS

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by James Larkin. Motion by James Larkin to approve last meeting minutes. Seconded by Jay Emmert, All approved.

1st order of business

Review and Vote on solar panel installation at 1 North Road

Review and vote on the application received from Kay and Steve Bennett for Solar Panels in their yard at 1 North Road. Kay Bennett stated that they feel their application stands on its own merit, therefore they will not present anything further regarding concealing the 50' by 10' high Solar panel.

Abutters were then allowed to speak. Abutters were opposed to the solar panels, as proposed, citing that the panel, at 50' long by 10' high is not in keeping with the Historic District. As stated previously the Bennett's did not wish to provide any additional site plans. Claudia Larkin spoke, stating that potential buyers in the Historic District would be affected by the large solar panel, therefore having an adverse effect for any of the present owners wishing to list their homes in the future.

There were additional letters and emails submitted by residents with their concerns regarding the installation of said Solar Panels. Please see letters attached.

Prior to voting the committee reviewed the application against the Hillsborough Historic District Regulations for compliance. On all points the proposed installation violated the regulations. In addition, the application was considered in light of various solar energy standards applicable to historical districts. The proposed installation violated those recommendations. Cover sheets of those documents are attached to these minutes.

James Larkin made a motion to vote on the installation of the Solar Panel as presented by the Bennett's. Jan Michael seconded the motion. It was unanimous, with a vote of 0 yes, 3 no. The request for the installation of a Solar Panel at 1North Road, Hillsborough, NH was not approved. A Notice of Decision Letter will be mailed to Mr. and Mrs. Bennett.

Next Order of business

HDC regulations and Zoning

The Board will continue to review and modify the Regulations, as required.

Jim Larkin motioned to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Jay Emmert. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Claudia A. Larkin
Recording Secretary