



## Town of Chelmsford Historic District Commission

### Minutes of Meeting of July 6, 2020

Ms. Lovering called the meeting of the Historic District Commission (HDC) to order at 7:00 P.M. This meeting was conducted on Zoom pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law. Present were Brenda Lovering, Deb Taverna, Janet Askenburg, Lisa Grasso and Debra Belden.

Ms. Lovering opened the meeting by reading Governor Baker's order re open meetings.

**Public Input** None

**Scheduled Business** None

#### **Unfinished Business**

**2 Westford Street -** Chris Sweetman representing First Parish Church attended the zoom meeting to discuss the flags and banners that the church would like to display throughout the year. There is no mention of flags and banners in the review standards for the district. After a brief discussion, Ms. Taverna moved and Ms. Belden seconded that the Pride Flags be approved. The motion was approved unanimously. The Black Lives Matter banner was discussed. Ms. Belden moved and Ms. Grasso seconded to approved the banner as presented.

**10 Billerica Road -** Ms. Belden reported that roof repairs have been completed with copper trim added. Ms. Lovering asked that All Saints Church be invited to the next meeting to give a report on the repairs.

**6 Central Square –** A new barber shop has opened in town – Santana's Barber Shop. An exterior sign has been installed without appearing before the CHDC. Ms. Askenburg suggested that Michael McCall be invited to a future meeting to discuss. Ms. Belden will contact the owner of Santana's Barber Shop to attend the next meeting.

**New Business – Election of Vice-Chair –** Ms. Lovering nominated Debra Belden and Ms. Askenburg seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Unfinished Business**

**1 Billerica Road and 41-44 Central Square –** Ms. Taverna advised that the development team plans to attend the CHDC meeting in August. Ms. Belden asked if a Certificate of Hardship was

needed. Ms. Askenburg recused herself from all discussion. Ms. Lovering asked for the draft minutes of the Historical Commission minutes for the meeting scheduled for July 14, 2020.

**Center Village Master Plan Implementation Committee** – No report.

**Correspondence and Telephone Calls** – None.

**Meeting Minute Approval** – None.

**Next meeting is scheduled for August 3, 2020. We will meet via Zoom.** We should discuss signage in the district. The town has relaxed rules due to Covid 19. We need to know what is planned through the rest of the year.

Ms. Lovering thanked Patrick Wood for his years of service on this commission. His knowledge was of great help. Ms. Lovering also welcomed the new member Lisa Grasso. Ms. Grasso has a degree in history and this is a passion for her.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:25 P.M.**