

Minutes  
Public Hearing & Special Meeting  
Chaplin Historic District Commission  
August 2, 2016, Chaplin Library

Chair Paul Peifer opened the public hearing at 7:08 p.m. Other members present were: Diane Cox, Warren Church, Kitty LeShay, Catherine Smith (alt).  
Guests: Paul Siege, James Burrows

James Burrows presented an application for a certificate of appropriateness for construction of a wood shed at his property at 342 Phoenixville Rd. The shed, which is located on the right hand side of his driveway, would be 5 feet wide by 30 feet long by 10 feet high. Mr. Burrows presented several photos of a similar shed and drawings of the proposed shed and described his plans. The Commission members and guests also viewed a sample of the corrugated metal that he proposes using for the roof. Corrugations are 9 inches apart and will have a bronze or gray finish. The shed will be built on 5 concrete piers and will be open on one side. The wooden vertical siding will have 1 inch gaps between the slats to allow for air flow to dry the wood stored inside. The interior will have a gravel base. C. Smith suggested the possibility of plantings on the gable end of the shed which faces Rt. 198 for aesthetic reasons. A number of questions were asked and comments made before the hearing was closed at 7:32 p.m.

Chair Peifer opened the Special Meeting at 7:33 p.m. and seated Catherine Smith in place of absent member Jean Givens. Church moved and Smith seconded to approved the minutes of the meeting of March 29, 2016. Motion passed with one abstention by LeShay.

New Business: LeShay moved and Church seconded a motion to grant a certificate of appropriateness for construction of a woodshed to James Burrows. The motion passed unanimously with the stipulation that plantings be made at the end of the shed facing Rt. 198. Mr. Burrows left the meeting.

Cox moved and LeShay seconded a motion to approve a date—Sept. 13, 2016—for a hearing concerning an application for a new fence at the property of James Burrows (above). Approved unanimously.

Smith moved and Cox seconded a motion to set a date for an application for a new sign for the Chaplin Library. That date would also be on Sept. 13, 2016. Approved unanimously.

Those present went to the Library's storage room to view some of the items previously housed at the Chaplin Museum. Chair Peifer read parts of a letter written in 1982 by John Boland, then town attorney, about restrictions of the deed of the Museum building lwhich had formerly served as the Chaplin Town Hall. For a number of years the Selectmen have proposed moving that building down the street next to the Chaplin Library.