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BOROUGH OF LITCHFIELD HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION 2187 Litchfield, Connecticut 06759

The Borough of Litchfield Historic District Commission held **Public Hearings** on **Thursday, July 16 2026** at the Pilgrim House, First Congregational Church, 21 Torrington Road, Litchfield, Connecticut. The hearings were called to order by Chairman, Wendy Simoncelli, at 7:00 pm.

Present were Commissioners: Wendy Simoncelli, Glenn Hillman, Julia Metcalf, Tony Cecchinato and Bob Whelan (Alt).

Commissioners Absent: Norman Ambrose Sauer and Jarett Monterio (Alt).

Also present were: John Kinnear, Craig Connolly, Mason Lord, Jock and Lee Lawrason, Jennifer Chase, Renee Betar, Ted Murphy, and Robyn Ryle.

Ms. Metcalf made a motion to seat Mr. Whelan as a regular Commissioner for this meeting. Mr. Hillman seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Hillman, Clerk, read the legal advertisement of each hearing as published. The Chair explained the procedure for conduct of the hearings and described each application.

1. The public hearing published July 10, 2026 in the Republican American, Application #2677, St Louis de Monfort Parish, 49 South St, to replace generator and slightly relocate it, convened at 7:01 pm. The Commission reviewed the application. The Commission received confirmation that the shed will be removed and not replaced.

There being no further members of the public present to speak in regard to the application, the public hearing was adjourned at 7:04 pm.

2. The public hearing published July 10, 2026 in the Republican American, Application #2681, David Horne and Ty Rugman, 124 North St, to install small security camera, convened at 7:04 pm. The Commission reviewed the application.

There being no further members of the public present to speak in regard to the application, the public hearing was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

3. The public hearing published July 10, 2026 in the Republican American, Application #2682, Brian and Rita McNamara, 173 South St, to relocate 5 A/C condensers and replace 3 of them, convened at 7:05 pm. The Commission reviewed the application. Mason Lord from Hudson Valley Preservation was available for any questions.

There being no further members of the public present to speak in regard to the application, the public hearing was adjourned at 7:07 pm.

4. The public hearing published July 10, 2026 in the Republican American, Application #2683, Matthew Waltz and Kelsey Leach, 128 Woodruff St, to demolish garage

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damaged by fallen tree, convened at 7:08 pm. The Commission reviewed the application.

There being no further members of the public present to speak in regard to the application, the public hearing was adjourned at 7:09 pm.

5. The public hearing published July 10, 2026 in the Republican American, Application #2684, Jock and Lee Lawrason, 44 South St, to replace stockade fence with black chain link fence down side of property, convened at 7:09 pm. The Commission reviewed the application Jock and Lee Lawrason who confirmed the black chain link fence will moved farther south and be embedded into the existing hedge row which will grow through the chain link fence, and they will close the gap between the fences by extending the front picket fence.

There being no further members of the public present to speak in regard to the application, the public hearing was adjourned at 7:12 pm.

6. The public hearing published June 12, 2026 in the Republican American, Application #2685, Jock and Lee Lawrason, 44 South St, to re-do circular driveway with pea stone or cobble stone, convened at 7:12 pm. The Commission reviewed the application with Jock and Lee Lawrason who asked the Commissioners for their input on the 2 different styles presented. After discussion, the Lawrasons choose to redo the circular driveway with mixed color pea stone in kind with cobble stone edging.

There being no further members of the public present to speak in regard to the application, the public hearing was adjourned at 7:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Glenn Hillman, Clerk

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The **Regular Meeting** of the Borough of Litchfield Historic District Commission was held at the Pilgrim House, First Congregational Church, 21 Torrington Rd, Litchfield, Connecticut on **Thursday, July 16, 2026.**

I. Call To Order

Chairman Wendy Simoncelli called the meeting to order at 7:18 pm.

II. Recording of Attendance:

Present were Commissioners: Wendy Simoncelli, Glenn Hillman, Julia Metcalf, Tony Cecchinato and Bob Whelan (Alt).

Commissioners Absent: Norman Ambrose Sauer and Jarett Monterio (Alt).

Also present were: John Kinnear, Craig Connolly, Jock and Lee Lawrason, Jennifer Chase, Renee Betar, Ted Murphy, and Robyn Ryle.

III. Business Pertaining to Certificates of Appropriateness.

1. Application #2677, St Louis de Monfort Parish, 49 South St, to replace generator and slightly relocate it. Mr. Hillman made a motion to approve the application as submitted Mr. Whelan seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

The votes were: Cecchinato-yea, Hillman-yea, Whelan-yea, Metcalf-yea.

A Certificate of Appropriateness is hereby issued for work described in said application as stipulated and valid for one year from approval.

2. Application #2681, David Horne and Ty Rugman, 124 North St, to install small security camera. Mr. Cecchinato made a motion to approve the application as submitted. Mr. Hillman seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

The votes were: Cecchinato-yea, Hillman-yea, Whelan-yea, Metcalf-yea.

A Certificate of Appropriateness is hereby issued for work described in said application as stipulated and valid for one year from approval.

3. Application #2682, Brian and Rita McNamara, 173 South St, to relocate 5 A/C condensers and replace 3 of them. Ms. Metcalf made a motion to approve the application as submitted. Mr. Whelan seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

The votes were: Cecchinato-yea, Hillman-yea, Whelan-yea, Metcalf-yea.

A Certificate of Appropriateness is hereby issued for work described in said application as stipulated and valid for one year from approval.

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4. Application #2683, Matthew Waltz and Kelsey Leach, 128 Woodruff St, to demolish garage damaged by fallen tree, Ms. Metcalf made a motion to approve the application as submitted. Mr. Cecchinato seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

The votes were: Cecchinato-yea, Hillman-yea, Whelan-yea, Metcalf-yea.

A Certificate of Appropriateness is hereby issued for work described in said application as stipulated and valid for one year from approval.

5. Application #2684, Jock and Lee Lawrason, 44 South St, to replace stockade fence with black chain link fence down side of property. Mr. Whelan made a motion to approve the application as submitted. Mr. Cecchinato seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

The votes were: Cecchinato-yea, Hillman-yea, Whelan-yea, Metcalf-yea.

A Certificate of Appropriateness is hereby issued for work described in said application as stipulated and valid for one year from approval.

6. Application #2685, Jock and Lee Lawrason, 44 South St, to re-do circular driveway with pea stone or cobble stone. Ms. Metcalf made a motion to approve the application as amended. Mr. Cecchinato seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

The votes were: Cecchinato-yea, Hillman-yea, Whelan-yea, Metcalf-yea.

A Certificate of Appropriateness is hereby issued for work described in said application as stipulated and valid for one year from approval.

IV. Other Business:

a. Review and/or acceptance of new applications.

1. Application #2686, Bruce Schnitzer, 89 South St, to replace generator with new one and install new transformer and motor panel. The Commission reviewed the application with John Kinnear, Architect, who provided pictures and plans. Mr. Kinnear will provide a Letter of Agency.
2. Application #2687, Craig Connolly, 41 West St., to install a 14 ft x 16 ft outbuilding. This building is already installed. The Commission reviewed the application with Craig Connolly who explained a majority of the outbuilding sits on his property but a slight portion lies on Ted Murphy's lot. Ted Murphy was present and spoke in support of Craig Connolly and explained he is leasing the property to the applicant and will sign a letter of agency for this application. The Commission will make independent site visits to confirm siding material and external muntins on the windows.
3. Waiver, St Louis de Monfort Parish, 49 South St to install a 8 ft x 12 ft shed to collect used/new clothing for those in need. The Commission reviewed the application with

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Jennifer Chase, New England Representative. There was discussion re the location of the shed and it was agreed that the shed would be hidden from view from the public way by placing it on the east side of existing shed/garage. The Commission explained that the applicant must come before the HDC Commission if they will be placing a permanent sign on South St.

4. Application #2688, Renee Betar, 149 West St, to remove asphalt walkway in front and replace with wider bluestone walkway. The Commission reviewed the application with Renee Betar.
5. Waiver, Gemini-Eagle LLC, 39 West St., replace wood shingles on roofs in front and rear of building in kind. The Commission reviewed the application with owner Ted Murphy.
6. Application #2689, Town of Litchfield, Community Field, 58 North Lake St, to install drinking fountains, trash cans, and four new dugouts. The Commission reviewed the application.
7. Application #2690, Dirk and Marla Patterson, 49 Wolcott St, to replace the roof on the main house. The Commission reviewed the application.
8. Waiver, Jeffrey W. Wacker, 73 East St., repair decking on back of house and replace lattice, in kind.

b. Other Business that may properly come before the Commission.

The Annual meeting scheduled for August 6, 2026 will be moved to August 20, 2026 to review the Annual Report, nominate and vote for Officers, and review of attendance.

- V. Correspondence: The Chairman read an email that was sent to the Borough Warden Gayle Carr from resident and local real estate agent, Cleve Fuessenich who was impressed with the HDC brochure he received in the mail and offered to deliver brochures to some of the newer residents that may have not received them.
- VI. Approval of Minutes:
Mr. Hillman made a motion to approve the minutes from July 2, 2026 with minor changes. Mr. Cecchinato seconded. Ms. Metcalf abstained. Motion carried.
- VII. Adjournment:
There being no further business, Ms. Metcalf made a motion to adjourn at 8:55 pm, seconded by Mr. Hillman and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Glenn Hillman, Clerk