

**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
DECEMBER 2, 2015**

Town of Bedford  
Bedford Town Center  
Fitch Meeting Room

**PRESENT:** William Moonan, Chair; Alan Long, Vice Chair; Lorrie Dunham; Chris Weisz; Sal Canciello

**ABSENT:** Karen Kalil-Brown, Clerk

Mr. Moonan introduced himself and read the emergency evacuation notice.

**PRESENTATION:** Mr. Long read the notice of the hearing.

**PETITION #005-15 – CONTINUATION** – David Goldbaum, 10-12 Maple Street, for construction of new two-family dwelling.

Mr. Goldbaum greeted the Historic District Commission (HDC) members and explained that the only remaining items they needed to grant for the demolition and rebuild of the house at 10-12 Maple Street were a floor plan and a catalogue sheet for the door hardware; he handed out copies of the floor plan and provided a sample of the hardware. He stated that the door handle would be silver, because it was determined at the previous meeting that the originally proposed color, bronze, would be difficult to see against the black door.

With no comments or questions from the Board about either item, Mr. Moonan called for a motion.

**MOTION:**

Ms. Dunham moved to approve for David Goldbaum, at 10-12 Maple Street, Schlage door handles, Camelot style, satin nickel finish, model #F-60V.

Mr. Long seconded the motion.

Voting in favor: Moonan, Long, Dunham, and Canciello

Voting against: None

Abstained: None

The motion carried unanimously, 4-0-0.

At this time, Mr. Weisz arrived.

**PRESENTATION:** Mr. Long read the notice of the hearing.

**PETITION #007-16** – Bell Atlantic Mobile of Massachusetts Corporation, Ltd., at 75 Great Road, for antenna and fence.

Daniel Klasnick, the representative for Bell Atlantic Mobile, greeted the Commission and stated that Verizon was here with two proposals for the First Parish Church at 75 Great Road: a small antenna that would be placed just outside the steeple, painted white to match the building; and a fence to be placed on the ground at the South Road / Maple Street corner of the building. He said that the proposed fence would be an eight-foot-tall stockade, also painted white, which would be erected for the purpose of hiding a generator that was required for E-911 compliance. He walked the Board members through the application packet, pointing out drawings, photo simulations, and specifications for the antenna, generator, and fence.

Mr. Moonan asked how high the proposed generator was. Mr. Klasnick replied that it was six feet high. Mr. Moonan commented that the fence might, therefore, only have to be a maximum of six feet. Mr. Klasnick said that Verizon believed that the generator would still be partially visible over a six foot fence, and they hoped to avoid that.

Mr. Long said that he doubted that anyone on the Commission had a problem with the antenna outside the steeple, as it was barely visible, but he believed that the applicant would have a very difficult time getting an approval for this stockade fence as it was proposed. Mr. Weisz agreed, noting that First Parish Church was perhaps the most beautiful of all the structures in the Historic District, and he thought that this fence as proposed would be a great detriment to it. The other members also agreed.

Mr. Long asked whether the generator could be placed one or two feet below grade so that a four-foot fence would shield it. Mr. Canciello said that he had done several designs for college campuses where such generators were placed in vaults entirely below ground. Mr. Klasnick said that he would have to meet with the Verizon engineers to discuss those possibilities.

There was extensive discussion about ways that the fence could be lowered, modified (i.e., lattice along the top), or landscaped so that it looked more aesthetically pleasing and did not present such a large white expanse.

Mr. Moonan said it was clear that the applicant would have to meet again with Verizon to make some kind of modification to this proposal. He suggested that the application be continued to the January meeting. Mr. Klasnick agreed to a continuation.

**MOTION:**

Mr. Long moved to continue Bell Atlantic Mobile of Massachusetts Corporation, Ltd., at 75 Great Road, for fence, to January 6, 2015 at 7:30 PM.

Ms. Dunham seconded the motion.

Voting in favor: Moonan, Long, Dunham, Weisz, and Canciello  
Voting against: None  
Abstained: None

The motion carried unanimously, 5-0-0.

Mr. Klasnick thanked the Commission for its time. Mr. Moonan wished him luck moving forward.

**BUSINESS MEETING:**

**September 2 Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Moonan called for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 2 meeting.

**MOTION:**

Ms. Dunham moved to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2015 meeting, as amended.

Voting in favor: Moonan, Dunham, and Canciello  
Voting against: None  
Abstained: Long and Weisz

The motion carried unanimously, 3-0-2.

**November 4 Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Moonan called for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 4 meeting.

**MOTION:**

Mr. Long moved to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2015 meeting, as written.

Voting in favor: Moonan, Long, Dunham, and Weisz  
Voting against: None  
Abstained: Canciello

The motion carried unanimously, 4-0-1.

**Adjournment**

