

LAYTONSVILLE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
October 19, 2015

Roll Call:

A meeting of the Laytonsville Historic District Commission (HDC) was called to order by Chair Sheree Wenger at 7:33 p.m. Commission Members Charles Hendricks, Michele Shortley and Lisa Simonetti were present. Member Jill Ruspi and Alternate Member Joanne Howes were absent.

Matt Honacki of NV Homes was present.

Minutes: The minutes from the September 21, 2015 meeting were presented. Commission Member Simonetti made a motion to accept the minutes. Commission Member Hendricks seconded the motion. Motion carried with Members Hendricks, Simonetti and Chair Wenger voting for the motion and Member Shortley abstaining.

Preliminary Statement by Chair:

The preliminary statement was not read.

Old Business:

Chair Wenger opened the meeting. Member Simonetti made a motion to leave the record open for comment on application HDWP-02-15 until the next monthly meeting. Application HDWP-02-15 was submitted by NV Homes to discuss the models for Laytonsville Preserve that fall within the Historic District.

New Business:

Matt Honacki of NV Homes stated that NV Homes was looking to install a fence behind the Historic District homes on Laytonsville Road and the new homes to be built behind them. He shared the subdivision landscape plan and photographs of the type of 6 foot fence that they were proposing to install. The landscape plan showed the fence beginning at 21532 Laytonsville Road and ending behind 21420 Laytonsville Road. He stated that the intent was to screen the back of the houses. Mr. Honacki presented photos of the views from lots 3,4,5, and 6, looking towards the Historic District lots behind each of them. Chair Wenger stated that she felt that the fence would serve as a dividing line between the communities within the town. She commented she would prefer to see plantings for screening and a fence would be more divisive than welcoming. Commission Member Shortley commented that it was not fitting for a historic district to have a big fence behind it. Commission Member Hendricks noted that if you want to be welcoming to the new residents then you should shield them.

Adjournment: Commission Member Hendricks made the motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Commission Member Shortley. The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Charlene K. Dillingham

Clerk, Town of Laytonsville