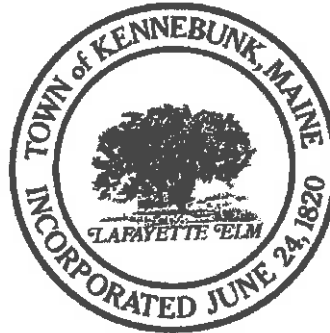


# Town of Kennebunk, Maine



## Historic Preservation Commission

### MEETING MINUTES

May 10, 2023

In Person Meeting, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Town Hall, 1 Summer Street, Kennebunk

- 1. Call to Order:** Chair and presiding officer Frances Smith called the meeting to order on May 10, 2023 at 6:30pm at Town Hall, Room 306, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 1 Summer Street, Kennebunk. The meeting was held in-person. Those in attendance were:

**Present:** Frances Smith [Chair], Barbara Fleshman [Vice Chair], Paul Bevacqua [Member], Maria Kyriakides [Member] and James Cartwright [Alternate];

**Absent:** Judee Jandreau [Member], and Stephen Dalzell [Alternate].

F. Smith introduced the members in attendance and elevated J. Cartwright, an alternate member, to voting status for the purpose of this meeting. There were, therefore, five voting members present: F. Smith, B. Fleshman, P. Bevacqua, M. Kyriakides, and J. Cartwright.

F. Smith then stated, for the record, that this was a public hearing at which all present had the right to hear all that was said and view all exhibits submitted unless the Board specifically voted to go into Executive Session. She asked that the Commission be notified if anyone could not see or hear.

The presiding officer further stated for the record that the meeting would be conducted in accordance with the published agenda. The Commission, she stated, is guided by the Town of Kennebunk's "*Historic Preservation Overlay District Design Guidelines*" as well as the U.S. Secretary of Interior's "*Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties and Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring and Reconstructing Historic Buildings*".

## 2. Continued Applications

### Application 23-H-10

Property owner(s): Familie Haus Weigle Trust  
Applicant(s): Darrin Weigle  
Property: 19 Summer Street  
Application Date: March 29, 2023  
Summary: Install stone wall to replace fence

This review was continued from the HPC's April 24, 2023 meeting as the applicant had been unable to attend that prior meeting.

Applicant Darrin Weigle addressed the Commission, explaining his interest in installing a stone wall in between a length of wooden fencing that had already been approved and installed. He showed photos of the proposed wall.

The applicant reminded the Commission that it had approved the picket fence last year. D. Weigle now proposed to build a 19-ft. stone wall which would "adhere to the flow of the ground" (i.e. roll with the terrain).

B. Fleshman inquired if the wall would use rounded or flat stones. The applicant responded that the wall would look like the stone wall at the Franciscan Monastery. It would be dry-stacked and rolling.

In response to questions by M. Kyriakides, the applicant said that he did not intend to put a preliminary foundation into place, but would install stone uprights at either end of the wall to protect the wooden fence in place.

J. Cartwright opined that the applicant might not like the final aesthetic effect. Cartwright asked whether the applicant had considered adding more wooden-fence panels in lieu of a stone wall or considered any of "the many other options" for a stone-wall-and-fence combination. For example, had the applicant considered putting in uprights in several places in the middle portion of the wall to give it stability? Or had the applicant considered punctuating the stone wall with a wooden gate for a better visual look?

D. Weigle responded that he [the applicant] was not in favor of continuing the fencing and was likewise not interested in installing a gate.

B. Fleshman and P. Bevacqua inquired whether the applicant intended to top the stone wall with slate or granite "cap". D. Weigle stated that it had not been his intention to do so, but he was amenable to adding a cap if the Commission recommended it.

Discussion ensued about landscaping near and in front of the stone wall. The applicant reminded the Commission that it had already given approval for shrubbery and landscaping. Members agreed that landscaping in front of the proposed wall would be an attractive enhancement.

**Motion:** Move to approve Application 23-H-10 as submitted with the addition that a slate or granite cap would be permitted if the applicant chooses to add one.  
**Moved:** P. Bevacqua  
**Second:** M. Kyriakides  
**Vote:** Roll call vote. 1 votes in favor, 1 opposed [Cartwright]; the motion carried.

**3. New Applications**

There were none.

**4. Old Business**

The Clerk presented a previously approved Certificate of Appropriateness for signature.

**5. New Business**

There was none.

**6. Minutes of Prior Meetings**

Members then reviewed the minutes of the HPC's meetings of April 26, 2023. Errors were identified and corrected.

**Motion:** Move to approve the minutes of April 26, 2023 as corrected.  
**Moved:** B. Fleshman  
**Second:** M. Kyriakides  
**Vote:** Roll call vote. 1 votes in favor, none opposed, 1 abstention [M. Kyriakides had not attended the 4/26/2023 meeting]; the motion carried.

**7. Adjournment**

There being no further business, F. Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 6:52pm.

**Motion:** To adjourn the meeting.  
**Moved:** P. Bevacqua  
**Second:** B. Fleshman  
**Vote:** Roll call vote. 5 votes in favor, none opposed; the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,  
J. Schlagheck, Clerk

Adopted by the Commission in its meeting  
of June 14, 2022

Signed by

  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION