

41 Community Development Director Gordon Leedy stated that this home is one of the oldest homes in
42 the Village. He stated that the site of the proposed pool is largely not visible from the street or other
43 properties even with the installation of the fencing which will act as a landscape screen.
44 Chris H. referenced Article 9 in the town's ordinance requiring the need to install a fence and listed the
45 types as approved by the Historic District Commission. He said he was fine with these types of fences.

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47 Hearing no other comments or concerns, Jamie called for findings to this case:

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49 Findings:

- 50 1. Contributing Property - House #149 on the National Register of Historic Places.
- 51 2. House is highly visible.
- 52 3. Pool: Limited visibility.
- 53 4. No objections from abutters on both sides of the property.

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55 Motion:

56 Chris H. motioned to approve the application as submitted, Tom 2nd. *VOTE: All in favor.*

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58 **66 Boston Post Road, Map 005-162-004 – Conceptual House Design Discussion**

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60 Present: Lisa & Scott Viera – potential land buyers

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62 Mr. & Mrs. Viera were present to discuss a conceptual house design to be built on Map & Lop # 005-
63 164-004 and to obtain any historic guidelines for building a new home within the Historic District.

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65 Jamie thanked the applicants and commended them for coming to the meeting. Mr. Viera provided
66 house plans that they were proposing. He stated that they are lifelong Merrimack, New Hampshire
67 residents, however, their son attends preschool in Amherst. He stated that they have been looking for
68 a lot to build in Amherst for a while and it is their intention to relocate to Amherst.

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70 Jamie stated that the house was not a colonial and felt it was not fitting in the Historic District. He said
71 there are no other homes like this style in the HDC.

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73 Discussion followed regarding styles and types of home suitable for the Historic District and in keeping
74 with the character. Height, square footage & housing materials were discussed. Also discussed were
75 window types where the Commissioners stated that there are many manufacturers who make
76 windows that look great in the district.

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78 Jamie stated that there are architects in Amherst who could design a home that would fit in the district
79 and advised the Viera's not to walk away from the lot.

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81 Tom questioned when the Viera's were looking to build. They stated they would like to finalize on a lot
82 and house type by the spring.

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84 Jamie again thanked them for reviewing their plans with the HDC and highly encouraged them to work
85 closely with us. No action was taken by the Historic District Commission.

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87 OTHER BUSINESS:

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89 Certified Local Government Grant Program:

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91 Present: Will Ludt

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93 Discussion occurred regarding a grant program to encourage and expand local involvement in
94 preservation-related activities. Members agreed that this would benefit both the Historic District and
95 Heritage Commission and should be a top priority for the community.

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97 Mr. Ludt invited Commission members to a meeting on December 8, 2016 at 7pm in the Brick School to
98 tour the front foyer to see the possibilities that can be done to make that space a usable area for
99 meetings and for the use as a small showcase of art and items of the Brick School's heritage. He stated
100 that the tour will convene in the Community Room with light refreshments and friendly conversation
101 with the Heritage Commission.

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103 Minutes:

104 Deb explained that the computer laptop containing the October 20, 2016 draft meeting minutes is out
105 for repair. She will have them ready for review at the HDC's December meeting.

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107 ADJOURNMENT:

108 Sue motioned to adjourn at 8:40 pm, Chris B. 2nd. *VOTE: All in favor.*

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110 Respectfully Submitted,
111 Debra A. Butcher