



**Town of Gordonsville, Virginia
Board of Architectural Review
Agenda Item Summary
February 6, 2019**

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| <p><u>AGENDA ITEM 4a</u> Unfinished Business</p> <p><u>AGENDA TITLE:</u> Consideration of COA for 508 N. Main Street</p> | <p><u>DISPOSITION:</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Required <input type="checkbox"/> For Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Informational</p> <p><u>ATTACHMENTS:</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no</p> |
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BACKGROUND:

Attached is a Certificate of Appropriateness application and supporting documentation for the installation of a wooden privacy fence in the rear yard of property located at 508 N. Main Street. This application was initially considered by the BAR at their December 5, 2018 meeting and was tabled until the applicant could provide additional information regarding desired fence location in response to comments made by the BAR.

Pursuant to Section 610.10 of the Town of Gordonsville Land Development Ordinance, the following features and factors shall be considered in determining whether or not to permit the moving, removing, encapsulation, razing, or demolition, in whole or in part, of a historic landmark, building, or structure within the HOD:

- (a) *The historic, architectural or cultural significance, if any, of the specific structure or property, including, without limitation;*
 - (1) *The age of the structure or property;*
 - (2) *Whether it has been designated a National Historic Landmark, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, or listed on the Virginia Landmarks Register;*
 - (3) *Whether, and to what extent, the building or structure is associated with an historic person, architect or master craftsman, or with an historic event;*
- (b) *The degree to which distinguishing characteristics, qualities, features or materials remain;*
- (c) *Whether, and to what extent, a contributing structure is linked, historically or aesthetically, to other buildings or structures within the historic overlay district, or is one (1) of a group of properties within such a district whose concentration or continuity possesses greater significance than many of its component buildings and structures;*

- (d) *The overall condition and structural integrity of the building or structure, as indicated by studies prepared by a qualified professional engineer and provided by the applicant or other information provided to the board; and*
- (e) *Whether, and to what extent, the applicant proposes means, methods or plans for moving, removing or demolishing the structure or property that preserves portions, features or materials that are significant to the property's historic, architectural or cultural value.*

Additionally, the Historic Overlay District Guidelines offer the following regarding fencing:

FENCES: GENERAL INFORMATION

- a. *Cast iron or other original fence material should be preserved and may be added to buildings if appropriate to the architectural period and style of the construction and in some instances may be appropriate for buildings of later vintage.*
- b. *Chain link fences, concrete block fences and fences of louvered, basket weave, horizontal board, stockade or shadowbox design are generally not acceptable. Plastic or fiberglass fences are generally not appropriate.*
- c. *Freestanding brick fences that obstruct visibility of primary buildings are not acceptable in front yards but may be installed in rear or side yards.*
- d. *Traditional plantings such as hedges and shrubs are acceptable alternatives for fences.*

FENCES IN THE REAR YARD

- a. *The same low fence design specified in Fences in the Front Yard is appropriate for rear yard fences, but privacy fences of wood boards or planks are also acceptable at this location.*
- b. *Single row privacy fences of vertical flat top boards or planks of an appropriate height and width for the intended use are the most appropriate for the Gordonsville Historic District, but boards or planks topped with a lattice or picket designs are also acceptable.*

MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:

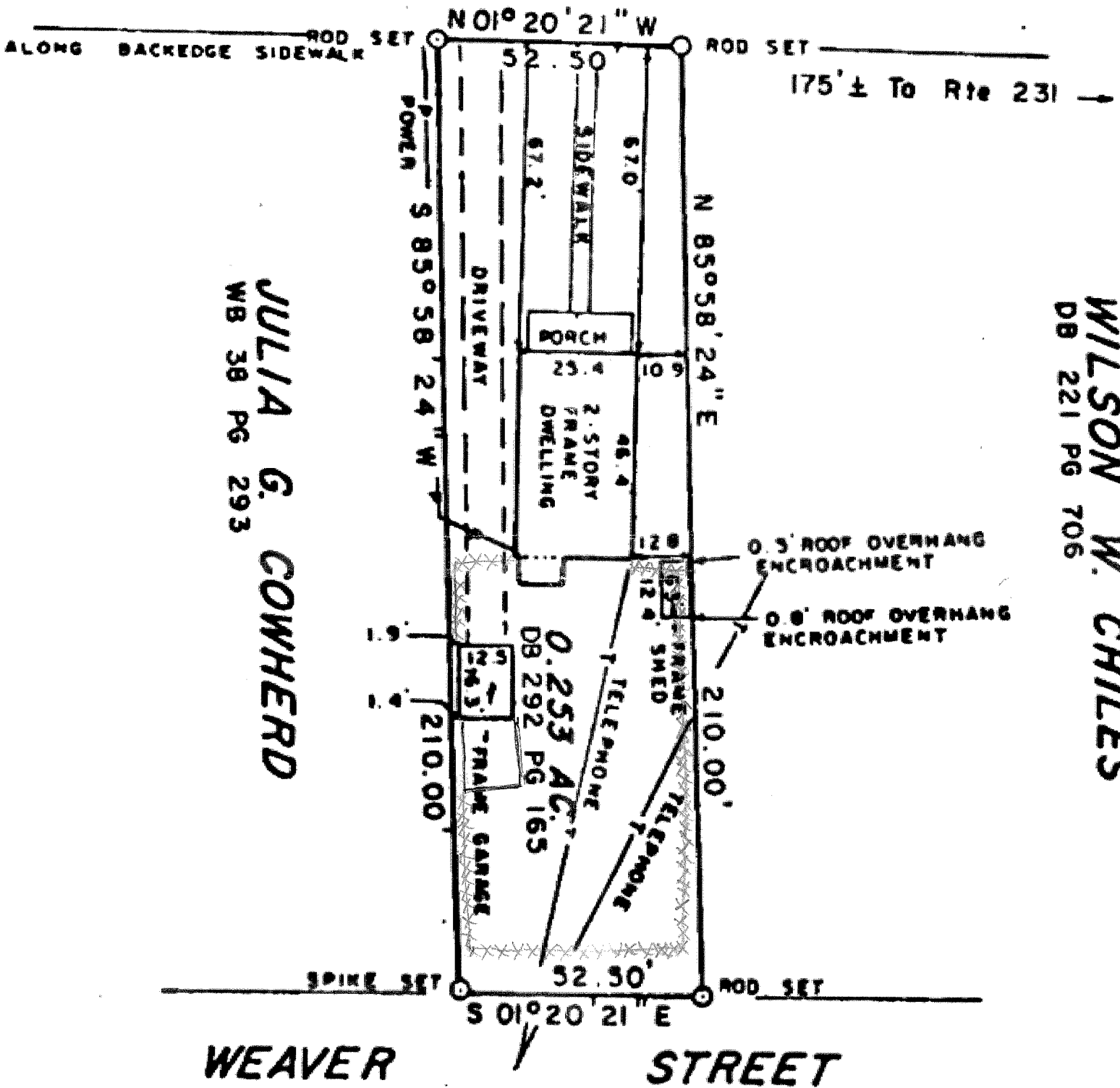
Motion to approve:

“Motion to approve the application for a certificate of appropriateness for the installation of a wooden privacy fence in the rear yard at 508 N. Main Street in that the proposal is compatible with the architectural character of the existing dwelling and meets the standards set forth in Section 610.10 of the Town of Gordonsville Land Development ordinance.”

Motion to deny:

“Motion to deny the application for a certificate of appropriateness for the installation of a wooden privacy fence in the rear yard at 508 N. Main Street in that the proposal is incompatible with the architectural character of the existing dwelling and does not meet the standards set forth in Section 610.10 of the Town of Gordonsville Land Development ordinance.”

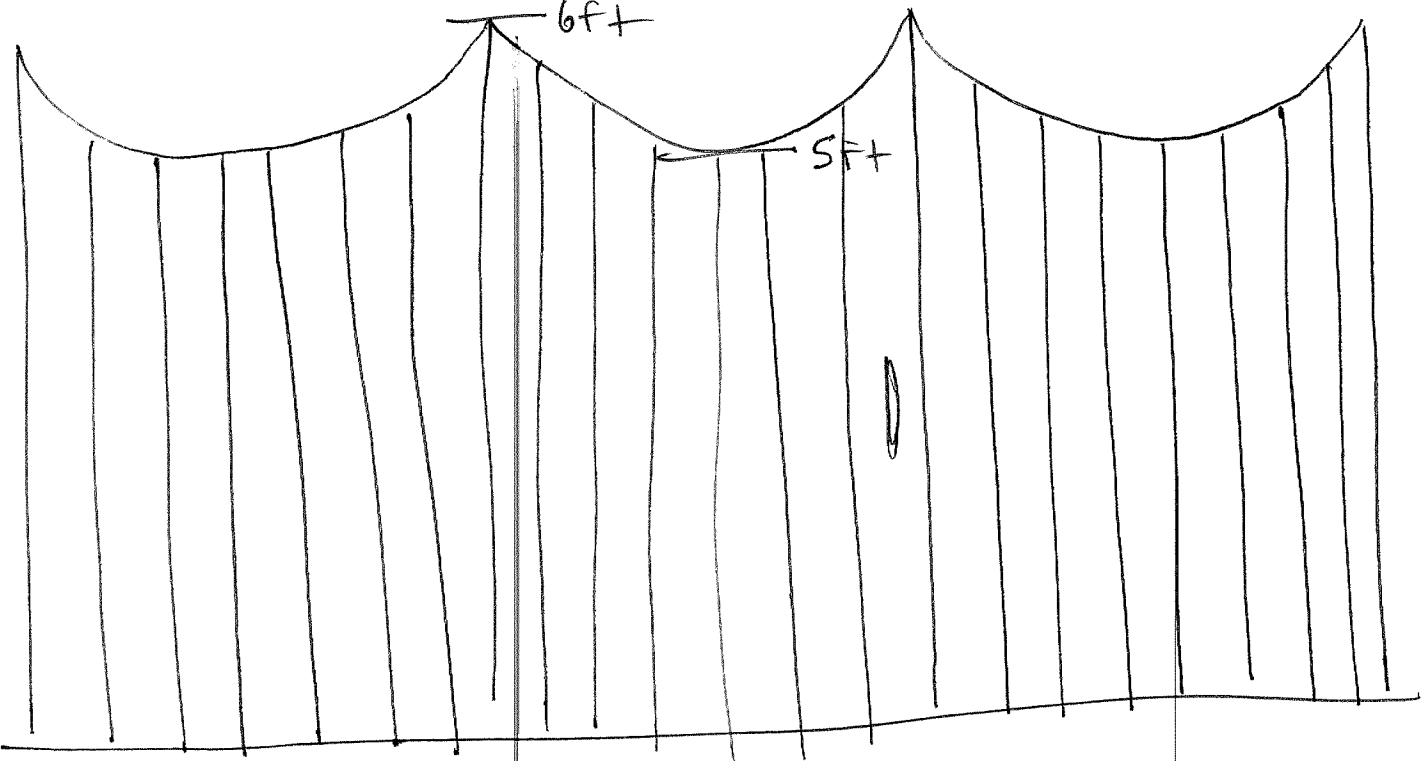
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