BACKGROUND:

In April 2018, the owner of property at 510 N. Main Street appeared before the BAR to request a Certificate of Appropriateness for the replacement of windows and doors in the house and exterior renovation of the garage on property located at 510 N. Main Street. The BAR requested more information. While the property owners wish to continue with all the improvements requested initially, at this time they wish to obtain permission to replace the windows before pursuing the remaining improvements at a later date.

Attached for the BAR’s review are pictures provided by the applicant to illustrate what the windows will look like once replacement is complete.

Pursuant to Section 610.07 of the Town of Gordonsville Land Development Ordinance, the following features and factors shall be considered in determining the appropriateness of proposed construction, reconstruction, alteration or restoration of buildings or structures within the HOD:

(a) *The distinguishing original qualities or character of a building, structure, or site and its environment shall not be destroyed. The removal or alteration of any historical material or distinctive architectural features should be avoided when possible;*

(b) *Distinctive stylistic features or examples of skilled craftsmanship which characterize a building, structure, or site shall be treated with sensitivity;*

(c) *Whether the material, height, scale, mass and placement of the proposed addition, modification or construction are visually and architecturally compatible with the site and the district;*

(d) *The effect of the proposed change on the historic district neighborhood;*
(e) The impact of the proposed change on other protected features on the property, such as gardens, landscaping, fences, walls and walks; and

(f) Whether the proposed method of construction, renovation or restoration could have an adverse impact on the structure or site, or adjacent buildings or structures.

Additionally, the Historic Overlay District Guidelines offer the following regarding this request:

**WINDOWS**

a. Windows that are original should be preserved in their original location, size and design and with their original materials and number of panes (glass lights).

b. Unless they are located out of the public view, windows that are not original should not be added to the primary or secondary façade of a building.

c. Windows should be repaired rather than replaced; an appropriate method of repair is by the use of wood epoxy. However, if replacement is necessary, the replacement window should match the window being replaced in both material and design.

d. Original windows of steel or aluminum should be repaired, but if repair is not feasible, replace with new windows appropriate to the period and style of the building.

e. Replacement windows should have raised muntins mounted on the outside of the glass surface if appropriate to the design of the building. True divided light muntins are preferred but properly sized simulated divided lights or muntins permanently attached to the exterior surface of the window are acceptable.

f. Vinyl windows should not be used to replace older, original windows. They may only be used in the case where this material might have been available at the time of original construction.

**WINDOWS: SCREENS, STORM AND SECURITY**

a. Screens shall be correctly sized to fit the window openings, including openings for arched windows.

b. Screens should be constructed of either wood or baked-on enamel or anodized aluminum and designed to fit within the window frames without overlap. Screen window panels should be of either a full view design or have the meeting rail match that of the window behind it.

c. Preferably, storm windows should be of wood but aluminum storm windows of full-view design with a baked-on enamel or anodized finish are also acceptable. Interior functioning storm windows are recommended.

d. Storm windows should likewise be sized and shaped to fit their respective window openings.
e. Storm windows should be of full-view design or with central meeting rails at the same location as that of the underlying windows.

f. Storm windows with built-in lower screens are acceptable.

**MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

*Motion to approve:*

“Motion to approve the application for a certificate of appropriateness for the replacement of windows on property located at 510 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 610.07 of the Town of Gordonsville Land Development ordinance.”

*Motion to deny:*

“Motion to deny the application for a certificate of appropriateness for the replacement of windows on property located at 510 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 610.07 of the Town of Gordonsville Land Development ordinance.”