

Canaan Historic District (HDC) Meeting Minutes

July 16, 2007

Senior Center, Canaan, NH

Approved Minutes

Members Present: John Bergeron (JB), Rainie Kelly (RK), Dan Fleetham Sr. (DF), Jay Waldner (JW) ex officio

Alternate Members Present: Matt Dow (MD), Andrew Mulligan (AM)

Members of the Public in Attendance: Charlotte Abington, Tom Geoghegan

7:00- Meeting called to order.

7:01 : Matt Dow appointed by chairman to vote in place of Jonathan Garthwaite

7:02 Minutes of meeting of 6/18/07 read.

Motion to accept with correction of minor error: JW, 2nd: DF

Motion passed.

7:05 Discussion of replacement of old sign on the Canaan Meetinghouse indicating its year of construction:

Charlotte Abington spoke about her wish to replace the old sign which has been missing since the meetinghouse was repainted in 2005. Tom Geoghegan, representing the Old Meetinghouse Committee, informed the HDC about his committee's plans to place a more historically appropriate marker alongside the Meetinghouse after the Roberts Road is moved farther to the south. Tom feels that the old sign (installed circa 1893) was inappropriate for a number of reasons. The new marker will use typeface more in keeping with a Georgian-Palladian structure whose design dates from circa 1730. It will read simply: Canaan Meetinghouse, 1793. The Meetinghouse Committee will submit an application to the HDC in advance of installing the marker.

Ms. Abington and the HDC thanked Mr. Geoghegan for taking the time to keep us informed about the plans for the new marker and the problems with the former sign.

7:35 Appointments to the Historic District Commission

The Selectboard appointed Dan Fleetham to a position as a regular member of the HDC for a three year term.

Andrew Mulligan and Skip Baldwin were appointed as alternate members for 3-year terms.

Bruce Barrett and Brian Birnier declined the invitation to become associate members.

7:40 Amendment to Rules of Procedure:

A draft of an amendment to Article 3 of the Rules of Procedure was read and discussed. This change will permit the HDC to appoint up to two associate members. These are non-voting members who may participate in all meetings and perform tasks under the supervision of regular members of the HDC.

JB will make appropriate changes to the signature page of the Rules of Procedure and will email those changes to current members of the HDC.

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Motion to accept new paragraphs D and E of Article 3: Membership and Term of Office:RK, 2nd: DF

Motion passed.

8:00 Motion to adjourn: RK, 2nd: JB

Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted,

Rainie Kelly, Secretary

Next regular meeting: August 20, 2007, Canaan Senior Center