

Canaan Historic District (HDC) Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2007
Senior Center, Canaan, NH

Approved Minutes

Members Present: John Bergeron (JB), Rainie Kelly (RK), Dan Fleetham (DF), Jay Waldner (JW) ex officio. **Absent:** Jonathan Garthwaite (JG),

Alternate Members Present: Andrew Mulligan (AM), Skip Baldwin (SB). **Absent:** Matt Dow (MD)

7:05- Meeting called to order.

7:06: AM appointed by chairman to vote in place of JG

7:07 Minutes of meeting of 10/16/07 read.

Motion to accept: JW. 2nd: JB

Motion Passed

7:10 Discussion of Historic signs

JB and DF reported that they asked members of the Historical Society if they'd be interested in joining the HDC in an effort to encourage owners of historic homes in town to place markers on their homes indicating at least the date of construction. The Historical Society supports this endeavor.

LK shared a sample sign provided by Ould Colony Artisans of Farmington, ME, the supplier of historic signs to many New England towns, including Plainfield, NH and Medford, MA. Cost of a 12" x 16" sign is \$55 which all agree is quite reasonable given the quality of the sign. 90% of signs produced by Ould Colony are this size.

AM reported that Goffstown HDC made its own signs for \$35 and might be interested in producing signs for Canaan, although the cost might be higher if this is a fund-raiser for them. He also shared photos of historic markers he's seen in other communities.

SB volunteered to call Dimitri Gerekaris (sp?) to see if he knows someone in town who might be interested in producing signs for this project.

Much discussion ensued about whether the HDC should offer a choice of signs. One choice could be in the shape of the mock-up (rectangle with a bump-up containing image of the Meetinghouse). SB suggested that if we offer this model, that the 1761 date be placed after **Canaan, New Hampshire**, rather than to the right of the image of the Meetinghouse. Another choice could be the style used in Plainfield (12 x 16 rectangle) which allows for several lines of text.

JB offered to do a 12 x 16 mock up of what a sign for his house would look like including the information on the date and original owner of the house.

LK will draft a letter proposing this project to the community

8:40 Other: Jay Waldner has sent a letter of resignation to the Selectboard effective November 26, 2007. The Selectboard will have to appoint one of its members to replace him on the HDC.

8:45 Motion to adjourn: DF, 2nd: JW Motion passed.

8:45 Meeting adjourned

Submitted,

Rainie Kelly, Secretary

Next regular meeting: December 17, 2007, at the Senior Center