

Canaan Historic District (HDC) Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2008

Senior Center, Canaan, NH

Approved Minutes

Members Present: John Bergeron (JB), Tom Hudgens (TH) ex officio, Dan Fleetham (DF), Rainie Kelly (RK): **Absent:** Jonathan Garthwaite (JG)

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

Member of the Public in Attendance: Roger Baldwin, Susie Baldwin, Dave Zani

7:05 Meeting called to order.

7:06 AM appointed to act in place of JG.

7:08 Minutes of 12.17.17 meeting Read

Motion to approve: DF / 2nd TH

Motion Passed

7:10 Informal Discussion of Baldwin plans

Roger and Susie Baldwin plan to submit an application to the HDC for the construction of a new home on their 2.04 acre lot on the east side of Canaan St. (#10-1 on tax map) Dave Zani shared plans for a colonial house, similar in detail to others in the Historic District. The Baldwins intend to file their application and to notify abutters in time to be heard at the February meeting of the HDC.

7:55 Historic Markers

TH shared examples of sign choices he had produced on his computer. RK reported results of conversation with Bob Leonard of Ould Colony signs. JB shared information on the history of his house which affects the size of the sign he would want. AM stated his preference for a smaller sign indicating only date of construction of his house. After some discussion, committee decided to offer two choices for signs: an 8"x12" rectangle (\$45) or a 12"x16" rectangle (\$55) which would allow for 4 lines of copy. Choice of background color will be white or off-white. Font is one appropriate to the Federal period.

RK will work on a brochure to have ready by Town Meeting. Other ways of advertising this effort include using the town website and including information in a town newsletter, The Town Crier, when and if it is published again. Markers will be available to any resident of the Town of Canaan, not just to owners of historic houses or houses in the Historic District.

Other: JG has submitted his resignation from the HDC in a letter to JB. HDC thanks him for his years of service on this committee. AM is willing to be considered as a regular member. JB will post a notice of the opening at the Town Offices. HDC will recommend nominees to the Selectboard who will appoint someone to fill JG's term

RK and JB reported on the training session they attended along with SB in Franklin, NH. RK found the presentation on architectural styles to be particularly helpful and would like to investigate the possibility of inviting the presenter to Canaan to do an architectural tour of the District.

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JB reported on changes to the Shoreline Protection Act, anticipated to take effect on April 1, 2008. These changes include the inclusion of the DES in the approval cycle for new construction within 250 feet of shore, the way in which trees are counted on a shoreline lot before cutting may occur, and a change in the proximity of accessory buildings to the shore.

RK has contacted Alicia Spearman, who with her husband John, purchased a home in the Historic District from Myra and Tom Opel. The Spearman's real-estate agent did inform them that the house is in the Historic District. RK will drop off a brochure after the Spearman's move in.

8:40 Motion to Adjourn DF / 2nd: AM

Motion Passed

8:41 Meeting Adjourned.

Next regular meeting: Monday, February 18

Please notify John Bergeron if you are unable to attend.

Submitted by:

Rainie Kelly, Secretary