

Canaan Historic District (HDC) Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2008

Senior Center, Canaan, NH

Approved Minutes

Members Present: John Bergeron (JB), Rainie Kelly (RK), Dan Fleetham (DF), Scott Borthwick (SB), ex officio

Alternate Members Present: Andrew Mulligan (AM)

Absent: Matt Dow (MD), Skip Baldwin (CB)

Member of the Public in Attendance: Charles Townsend

7:00 Meeting called to order.

7:01 AM appointed to serve as a regular member.

7:02 Minutes of March HDC Meeting Read

Motion to approve with minor changes: DF, 2nd: JB

Motion Passed

7:15 Continued Public Hearing of the Baldwin Application for a dwelling on the east side of Canaan St. (#10-1 on tax map). No representatives were present to address the following conditions for approval of this application:

1. HDC will be notified when new location is determined for garage currently on the lot.
2. Baldwins will submit for HDC approval color samples of the smooth cement-fiber clapboards to be used on the house and garage.
3. Vent pipes on the leach field will be camouflaged.
4. Side of bulkhead facing Canaan St. will be camouflaged.
5. Baldwins will send photos of outdoor lighting fixtures to HDC for approval.
6. Baldwins will notify HDC if they choose to install a heat pump with an exterior compressor.

The hearing on the Baldwin application is continued to May 19 2008 at 7:15.

7:20 Discussion of Historic Markers

There will be a public hearing to explain the purpose and details of this joint project between the HDC and the Canaan Historical Society on May 19, 2008. RK will prepare a draft of a brochure and order form for those interested in ordering a sign for their home. No revision of the HDC regulations regarding the placement of historic markers is needed at this time.

7:32 Clark & Arista Property

JB was contacted by a person hired to design a new septic system for this property on Moss Flower Lane, in the Historic District. The property presently has a dwelling and a separate garage. Owners wish to convert the garage to living space and connect it to a new septic system. The present dwelling would no longer be used as living space. JB will contact owners to inform them that if there are two dwellings on the lot, they will need Planning Board approval for this change.

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7:40 Twin Gables

Chuck Townsend informed the HDC that Cardigan Mountain School, owner of the historic George Kimball house, wishes to remove the structure from its present location on its grounds. Under the auspices of the Canaan Historical Society, Chuck will apply for a \$2500 grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation to study the feasibility of saving the house by moving it to a different location. Mr. Townsend and JB identified a group of residents and others who might be willing to serve on a committee to try to preserve the building. Mr. Townsend indicated an interest in co-chairing this committee. He and JB will invite interested parties to a meeting on April 29, 2008 at 5:00 at the Senior Center to plan further action.

Other Business: Motion to recommend to the Selectboard that they appoint AM to the HDC as a regular member, and Tom Hudgens as an alternate member: RK, 2nd: DF
Motion passed. JB will present these names to the Selectboard at their meeting on April 22.

Scott Borthwick rejoins the HDC as the representative from the Selectboard. JB will contact Matt Dow about his interest in continuing to serve as an alternate member since he has been unable to attend many meetings in 2007-2008.

8:30 Motion to Adjourn: AM, 2nd: SB
Motion Passed

Respectfully submitted,
Rainie Kelly, Secretary

Next Meeting of the HDC is on May 19, 2008 at 7:00.
Please notify John Bergeron if you are unable to attend.