

Canaan Historic District (HDC) Meeting Minutes

May 19, 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)), Skip Baldwin (CB), Tom Hudgens (TH)

Member of the Public in Attendance: Cliff Rudder

7:00 Meeting called to order.

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

7:02 Minutes of April HDC Meeting Read

Motion to approve with minor changes: SB, 2nd: CB

Motion Passed

7:08 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 June 16,2008 at 7:15.

7:10 Update on Twin Gables (Kimball House) project

JB reported that interested parties met on April 29 at which time Chuck Townsend and Mary Noordsy agreed to co-chair a committee to study the possibility of preserving the house. Chuck has completed a proposal for a \$2500 grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation to support the initial phase of this effort. He requested a letter of support from the HDC to move forward with the study of how the structure might be preserved. Motion was made to direct JB to write such a letter of support. (RK, 2nd: CB) Motion passed.

7:20 Public Hearing Opened: Discussion of Historic Markers

RK shared a draft of a brochure/order form explaining the project and showing examples of signs available to order through the Historical Society and the HDC. Any Canaan homeowner is welcome to purchase a marker. Both sponsoring organizations hope in particular that signs indicating the date of construction will be placed on historic homes. Sharon Duffy used the information provided by RK to create an attractive brochure which Tom Hudgens will complete.

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Cliff Rudder spoke in support of this project and also talked about the possibility of state-approved road signs directing people to the Historic District from Route 4. HDC may take up this discussion at a later date.

7:40 Public Hearing concluded.

7:43 Other JB informed the commission that Matt Dow has resigned as an alternate member. His work schedule and other commitments have kept him from participating much in the past year. RK and JB will approach other possible nominees to replace Matt as an alternate member. AM will check with Selectboard regarding his need to be sworn in as a regular member.

Need to amend Rules of Procedure: JB suggested a change in language to address changes in postal fees. Motion was made to change the language of item (h), page 17 of the Rules of Procedure to read: **A fee equivalent to the current cost to mail a certified letter (no receipt requested) per abutter and applicant.** (JB: 2nd, SB) Motion passed.

SB informed the HDC that a vendor has approached the Selectboard about the possibility of doing business from a vendor truck parked at the public beach on Canaan St. at certain times in the summer. The HDC has control over signs and structures in the Historic District. In order to regulate vendors the HDC would have to amend its regulations.

8:10 Clark & Arista Property

JB has been in communication with John Downing whom the Clark/Aristas have hired to install a septic system to serve what is currently a garage on their property. JB also sent a letter to the owners informing them of the HDC Regulations and Rules of Procedure which may apply to their project. He invited them to attend tonight's meeting (5.19.08) to discuss issues such as the need for an application to the HDC for a change of use of the garage and possible necessity to camouflage the vent pipe from the septic system. No one attended the meeting to represent the owners.

8:15 Motion to Adjourn, JB: 2nd, RK. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Rainie Kelly, Secretary

Next Meeting of the HDC is on June 16 at 7:00.
Please notify John Bergeron if you are unable to attend.