

**Canaan Historic District (HDC) Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2008
Senior Center, Canaan, NH**

Approved minutes

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

Alternate Members Present: Skip Baldwin (CB)

Member of the Public in Attendance: Denis Salvail, Edward and Susan McGee

7:00 Meeting called to order.

7:01 Minutes of 9.15.08 HDC Meeting Read

Motion to approve with changes suggested by JB: DF / 2nd: SB

Motion Passed. JB will correct minutes from 9.15.08.

7:15 Continuation of public hearing of Baldwin application

JB reported receiving negative feedback about the color of the paint on the Baldwin garage. It appears brighter than the approved color, STAGECOACH RED (Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities color chart; paint manufactured by California Paints and others). All agree that SHAKER RED (from the SPNEA chart) would be more acceptable and recommend amending the HDC regulations in the spring to add it to the list of approved colors.

RK moved that the HDC communicate to the Baldwins that we encourage them to consider applying a second coat of Stagecoach Red to the garage to deepen the color, or to add a coat of Shaker Red to achieve the same effect. 2nd:JB. Motion passed.

CB will communicate the HDC's recommendation to the Baldwins. Since no other issues were raised regarding the Baldwin project, the public hearing is now concluded.

7:20 Public Hearing on the application of Proctor and Laura Smith to build an addition to their cottage on Moss Flower Lane. (Map # I-D, Lot #35)

The applicants wish to construct a 12'x25' addition to their cottage, using siding, roof shingles, windows, sash and trim which duplicate those already on the existing structure.

Denis Salvail represented the applicants and assured the HDC that the addition meets the setback requirements (30 feet from the lot lines) and that nothing more is required regarding the septic system. He also explained that the foundation had already been poured before the applicants realized they needed HDC approval for this addition. Since they do not yet know details about windows and doors, the HDC lacks sufficient information to act on the application in its entirety.

SB moved that the HDC give conditional approval for the foundation as built and permit the applicants to cap it. 2nd:DF. Motion passed.

The public hearing on the Smith application is continued until the April HDC meeting, at 7:15, when the applicants will submit the information needed to approve the entire project.

7:40 Public Hearing on the application of Edward and Susan McGee to construct a deck on the south side of their home at 491 Canaan St. (Map #17, Lot #6)

The applicants wish to construct a 14'x14' deck between an existing porch and the front section of their home. They propose using "Correct Deck" flooring (60% wood/40% plastic) in a color approximating Quincy Granite and constructing a low stone wall along the south edge of the deck. They will add a door leading from the existing porch to the deck and construct railings in a style to approximate those on the porch attached to the Shepherd house at 538 Canaan St.

SB moved to approve the construction of the deck itself as described and to request that the McGees return to the November 17th meeting of the HDC with more information about the additional door and railings. 2nd: DF. Motion passed.

The public hearing on the McGee application is continued until November 17, 2008 at 7:15 PM.

8:00 Discussion of vacant positions: RK completes three years of service on the HDC with tonight's meeting and declines to continue to serve as a regular or alternate member. JB informed the HDC that Michael Roy of Canaan St. is interested in joining the HDC as a regular member and that Mark Simon, also of Canaan St. is willing to serve as an alternate member. JB will recommend them to the Board of Selectmen to replace RK (regular member) and AM (alternate member who became a regular member replacing Jonathan Garthwaite). Their appointments will complete the HDC roster of 5 regular and three alternate members.

8:05 Kimball House Award

JB informed the HDC that the Kimball House has been designated one of 2008 **Seven to Save** by the New Hampshire Historic Preservation Alliance. This designation may help the group which is trying to preserve the building in its fund-raising efforts.

8:10 Other Business

RK asked SB for an update on the five No Parking signs which have been placed by the town on the side of Roberts Road opposite the Meetinghouse. SB reported that the Selectboard has voted to keep the signs in place until the road is reconstructed on the opposite end of the park. He stated that people who might be unhappy with that decision are welcome to come to a Selectboard meeting or to present the Board with a petition stating their objections.

8:15 Motion to Adjourn DF / RK 2nd. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Rainie Kelly, Secretary

Next meeting: Monday, November 17, 2008
Please inform John Bergeron if you cannot be in attendance.