

Canaan Historic District Commission (HDC) Meeting Minutes
August 23, 2010
Canaan Town Meeting House, Canaan, NH 03741

Members present: John Bergeron (JB), Michael Roy (MR), Scott Borthwick (SB), Dan Fleetham, (DH)
Alternate Members present: Charles (Skip) Baldwin (CB), Brook D'Entremont (BD), Pete Cummings (PC)
Brook D'Entremont was appointed as an active voting member for the meeting.

Members of the public present: J Miller, P Brown, J. Richie, E. Jultilla

7:03 PM - Meeting called to order

7:04PM- The August 16th minutes were read and JB asked for correction...Mark Simon asked the question regarding trim not Jeff Majewski. JB stopped further reading of the minutes as he wanted to review the meeting results from the previous week and seek further comment from the public regarding HDC Regulations.

7:08 PM - JB opened the public hearing and opened each area of the HDC proposed changes for discussion again.

BD indicated that the proposed color change wording was confusing for interior colors and that the word "and" should be dropped for clarification.

Jim Miller was concerned that the historic color could not be matched going forward, but JB provided assurance that with today's technology that would not be an issue..

JB read the proposed regulation regarding lot size and encouraged the public to asked questions, but the public did not asked any questions and seemed comfortable with JB explanation.

JB was ask a question about political signs in the HDC and proceeded to read the current HDC Regulations and expound on the research he has done regarding Federal/State court rulings and how other historic districts in NH have written their sign regulations. The net of the discussion indicated that political signs were ok as long as the conformed to the current Regulation...it is clearly defined and the responsibility of the commission to enforce all HDC Regulations...the public urged that before enforcement proceedings begin that a neighborly call be made to alert those residents in the HDC that they would be in violation if they did not remove un-authorized signage.

7:32 JB closed the public hearing regarding proposed HDC Regulations and the political sign discussion for the HDC commission to vote n the proposed changes.

SB proposed that road frontage wording on the regulation be clarified to read 100' of "street" frontage and the percentage of use 60% and 40% remain as proposed. A proposal was made by MR and seconded by BD to accept the proposed changes to the Historic District Regulations and with further member discussion the proposal was amended by MR and second by BD to include the removal of " and " regarding interior colors and clarification of the 100" of "street" frontage in the set back provision. A unanimous vote approved all proposed changes.

JB then concluded HDC business for the evening and stated that he would file the new HDC Regulation with the Town Clerk.

8:05 PM a motion was made by SB with a second by MR to adjourn the meeting, approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael F. Roy
Secretary

The next meeting will be held in the Town Meeting Hall September 7th at 7:00PM