

**Canaan Historic District Commission (HDC) Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2011
Town of Canaan, Fire Station, Canaan, NH 03741**

Members present: John Bergeron (JB), Mike Roy (MR), Dan Fleetham (DF), Andrew Mulligan (AM), Alternate Members present: Brooke D'Entremont (BD), Skip Baldwin (SB)

Members of the public present: Gus Means, Erin Darrow, Jeff Majewski, Jim Marion

7:00 PM - Meeting called to order by JB.

7:01 PM- The purpose of the special meeting was to discuss the Means Application for approval of a chalet home addition. Erin distributed applicable drawings and gave a presentation that detailed an artist's rendering of the proposed changes to the Means house and lake property for the HDC to consider. JB passed out a compliance review sheet on the regulations that provided focus for any/all exceptions

There were many questions asked by the committee that addressed the intent of the application, impact to the environment, view from adjoining properties, the lakeside and Canaan Street. Clarification was made regarding architectural style, building specifications along with building positioning, wells, septic system, roof lines, siding, color, window, doors, foundation, landscape, etc.

The hardship question was also asked that provides rationale for deviations from the regulations; the answer was deferred to the next schedule meeting for which Gus and Erin would provide input for the HDC to consider.

The public was also invited to comment on the application: Jeff Majewski and Jim Marion both were very supportive and positive regarding the Means application.

The HDC committee further discussed some inconsistencies/ omissions in dimensions (doors, windows, envelopes, etc.) chimney positioning, decking, roof-pitch. The lack of these details would delay final approval.

A motion made by MR and seconded by DF (Passed) that the structural design as submitted along with the revised drawing received 9/7/11 be approved contingent on receipt of the specific dimensions for doors, windows, envelopes, height of dormer on the roof foundation, chimney positioning, roof pitch, etc.

A second motion by AM and seconded by DF was PASSED that granted permission for Gus Means to move forward with the foundation per original application.

The HDC will wait until the next regularly scheduled meeting 9/19/11 to grant final approval assuming all absent criteria is provided and is acceptable.

JB also mention that at the next meeting 9/19/11 the HDC would review the Dowd application for a shed addition that was already started. JB will provide the committee additional briefing material.

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8:45PM There was no other new business - A motion DF and a second by AM was made to adjourn the meeting. (Passed)

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Roy
Secretary

The next meeting is scheduled for September 19th; please notify JB if you cannot attend.