

Canaan Historic District Commission (HDC)
Minutes
May 20, 2012, Senior Center
Town of Canaan, NH 03741

Members present: John Bergeron (JB), Mike Roy (MR), Skip Baldwin (CB), Dan Fleetham (DF), Andrew Mulligan (AM)

Members of the public present: Jeff Majewski, Mark Simons

7:00 PM - Meeting called to order by John Bergeron.

7:05 PM – The February HDC Minutes were read and on a motion by AM and second by JB they were approved

7:15 PM- JB opened the public hearing. Jeff Majewski requested approval for a new door to replace a window on his rental property on Canaan Street which would provide access to an electrical panel for building lights and power. Mark Simon supported Jeff's request and the Public hearing was closed. There were no questions and on a motion for approval by MR and second by AM Jeff Majewski's request was approved.

7:20 PM – Jeff Makewski asked for clarification on the grandfathering clause regarding action after a two year approval of an HDC request if the work was not completed. JB discussed the regulation wording and impact. It was also pointed out that the cover page to the new HDC Regulations did not have the recently approved date of publication for which the grandfather clause would be benchmarked against. Action will be taken by JB to put the date of approval on the new HDC Regulations.

7: 25 PM Jeff also pointed out for information purposes that the Cardigan Mountain School sign on the road triangle just north of the Old North Church was located in the Historic District...This information will be taken under advisement.

7:30 PM JB indicated that if the committee wanted to hold Monthly HDC meetings at the Faith Baptist Church it would be available. It was agreed that further discussion with the absent Board members would be useful to render a decision. AM indicated support for a change to the meeting location by indicating that we would now be meeting in the district and it would be closer to all members. CB asked if future meeting could start at 7:30 PM for the convenience of Board members...a decision was tabled until the next meeting.

7:40 PM JB stated that Rob Low has now filed a formal application which will be reviewed at a future HDC meeting. Gus Means has also made application and is working out road details with the Canaan Fire Chief for final approval for himself and Mr. Lowe. Both gentlemen have sent their respective plans to the Planning Commission for a decision..

7:47 PM JB mentioned that the Town of Canaan has established a formal Board of Adjustment to align with the Water Protection Ordinances with 5 permanent and 4 alternate members.

7:48 PM - JB mentioned that Elizabeth Jutila had requested information about a utility shed to be placed on her property by the lakeshore. JB gave her the proper guidance and indicated that the HDC did not have to approve the shed and based on the Water Preservation regulations she would have to make application to the state for approval and likewise secure a Town of Canaan permit.

7:50 PM the annual election for Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Clerk was held. On a proposed slate by AM and second by DF the following officers will serve their next term:

John Bergeron - Chairman
Michael Roy - Vice Chairman
Michael Roy - Secretary
Charles Baldwin – Clerk

7:52 PM On an approved motion by MR and second by AM the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Roy
Secretary

The next HDC meeting will be held June 18, 2010, please let JB know if you cannot attend.