

**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**  
**TOWN OF GILMANTON**  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2008 – 7 p.m.**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**Present:** Chairman Perry Onion, George Carpenter, Deborah Chase, Allen Everett, Selectmen's Representative Rachel Hatch, and Executive Assistant Lynne Brunelle.

Also in attendance was Joanne Wilkens, who was recently appointed as an Alternate Member by the Board of Selectmen, but has not yet been sworn in; and George Roberts.

Chairman Onion opened the meeting at 7:10 p.m. and addressed the first agenda item.

**Continued Hearing - Case #5-2008 – Mark & Tina Mirabella:** Request to repair breach in stonewall located at 541 Meeting House Road in the Smith Meeting House Historic District; Tax Map/Lot #414-61.

Chairman Onion inquired whether anyone heard from the applicant(s) regarding tonight's meeting. L. Brunelle responded that she had not. D. Chase conveyed that she had spoken with Mark Mirabella today, who informed her that he would not be able to make it to tonight's meeting. P. Onion asked that a letter be forwarded to the applicants requesting that they reapply so that abutters may be notified.

**Continued Hearing – Case #1-2008 – Tim Pease:** Determine compliance with HDC approval of 1/29/08 for Richard Fraser to reconstruct retaining wall, change site elevation and construct lean-to. Property located at 623 Meeting House Road in the Smith Meeting House Historic District; Tax Map/Lot #414-65.

Chairman Onion inquired whether anyone had heard from the applicant regarding tonight's meeting. L. Brunelle responded that she had not.

G. Carpenter conveyed that he had visited the property this afternoon. It appeared that nobody was home and that no additional work has been performed as per the HDC approval. P. Onion asked Lynne to forward a letter to Mr. Pease requesting that he reapply so that abutters may be notified.

**Acceptance of Minutes:**

The members reviewed minutes of the 9/2/08 meeting and minor corrections were made. However, due to lack of majority vote, the minutes could not be voted on. The Commission will wait until Alternate Member E. Regan has had the opportunity to review the minutes, make changes if necessary, and participate in the vote. The minutes will still be posted as an "updated draft".

The minutes of the 4/1/08 meeting were reviewed and corrections were made.

**Motion:** R. Hatch moved to accept the minutes of the 4/1/08 meeting as amended, seconded by G. Carpenter. Motion carried 4-0-1; D. Chase abstained, as she was not in attendance at that meeting.

The minutes of the 6/3/08 meeting were reviewed and corrections were made.

**APPROVED**

**Motion:** R. Hatch moved to accept the minutes of the 6/3/08 meeting as amended, seconded by D. Chase. Motion carried 5-0.

**Other Business:**

George Roberts was in attendance and addressed amendments to the HDC Regulations, the language of which places a term limit on Commission members. Extensive discussion occurred regarding Warrant Article #26 from the 1994 Town Meeting and whether this language was intended to replace or amend what existed. George Roberts also addressed RSA 673:4 which states that the HDC shall have not less than 3 members and no more than 7, and at least 2 members shall live in the historic districts.

**ADJOURNMENT:** On a motion made by R. Hatch and seconded by D. Chase, vote passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne R. Brunelle  
Executive Assistant