

**TOWN OF GILMANTON
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
ACADEMY BUILDING
TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 2010 – 6:30 PM**

APPROVED

MINUTES

Present: Chairman Allen Everett, Deborah Chase (arrived at 6:35), Ella Jo Regan, George Carpenter, Don Guarino (Selectmen's Rep), George Roberts (alternate)
Land Use Clerk – Annette Andreozzi

Chairman Everett opened the workshop meeting at 6:30 PM.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Ms. Regan to accept minutes of May 4, 2010. Second by Mr. Carpenter. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion by Ms. Regan to accept minutes of May 12, 2010 as amended. Second by Mr. Guarino. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Workshop related to web site

Mr. Roberts stated that he has a lot of pictures, but he didn't think a lot of photos were needed on the site.

The HDC wants to address the most common questions asked.

Mr. Guarino suggested that each member take the digital pictures that they think are important, bring them to the July meeting, show them and, then decide. It was agreed that it was to be done.

The clerk will print any pictures given to her in advance of the meeting, so they can be shared.

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Informal meeting related to Mr. Phil Eisenmann's walls near the
Gilmanton Corner Store

Mr. Eisenmann, 413 NH Rte. 140, M/L 127-36, stated that the outside stone steps and bulkhead walls to his cellar need repair, his mason has time to do the work now, and he was at the meeting to see what he needs to do.

Ms. Andreozzi clarified that if the HDC considers Mr. Eisenmann's work a repair, then a public hearing is not needed.

Mr. Eisenmann showed pictures of the area concerned on his portable computer. He wants to rebuild the bulkhead with dry laid, mixed field stones, getting rid of the brick, using granite steps instead of concrete and crushed stone on the walkway to the threshold. The same person who did his other walls will do this work. Only the face of the walls will show because the wall will be backfilled. The building foundation is stone.

Mr. Guarino felt that repairing the bulkhead entry did not need an application.

Mr. Roberts agreed, but would like an application filled out so that there is a record of what was done.

The house is circa 1813, and this restoration seems appropriate to the period. The consensus of the HDC was that the work is basically a repair, in the spirit of the historic district regulations, and does not need a public hearing.

Other Business

485 Meetinghouse Road

Chairman Everett reported that the house at 485 Meetinghouse Road [Map/Lot # 414-55] was brought to his attention because there appeared to be changes. At his request the Code Enforcement officer spoke with the occupant on May 17, 2010, and gave him a copy of the HDC regs.

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Mr. Roberts said that he observed that the windows on the side have been changed, and the color is different. He would like the owner to come to the next HDC meeting and discuss possible changes.

Ms. Chase indicated that the HDC cannot ignore when people are making changes without applying to the HDC.

There was a discussion about who is actually living in the house and they may have already spent considerable money, the fact that the occupant has been given a copy of the regs, and the property owner is responsible. It was agreed that a request should be put in writing asking the property owner, or his representative, to come to the July HDC meeting and discuss the potential changes at the property. The occupant should be sent a copy of the letter, as well as the property owner.

Gilmanton Corner Store

Mr. Guarino said that Craig from the store told him he was working on the lighted sign.

Ms. Chase indicated that she helped Craig measure his existing wooden sign and his post on Rte. 140 where he can put a wooden ATM sign.

There was discussion relating to the sandwich board sign placed on Rte. 140, advertizing the store, what makes a temporary sign, and that the Brick House has one out to advertize some events. It was agreed that sandwich boards could only be used for temporary events, not every day, and that Craig will be given another month to come before the HDC with a new ATM sign design. At that time he will be reminded that the sandwich board can only be temporary until his new ATM sign is made.

Cupola

The cupola committee asked the Selectmen to do the restoration in two phases. The contractor is repairing the top and the columns now, and he will store it until phase 2.

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Fish & Game Sign

Mr. Guarino expressed his concern that the Fish & Game sign on the Academy building's front door window is too big. He wanted to know what the other Commissioners felt, considering that the HDC is asking the Corner Store to change an inside sign that shows out.

Motion: Ms. Regan moved that Mr. Guarino should ask the Selectmen to have the Fish & Game sign removed, to be consistent with what is being asked of others in the district. Second by Mr. Carpenter.

Motion passed unanimously.

It was expressed that if a Fish & Game advertisement was necessary, a placard could be added to the "community events" sign posts on the Academy lawn.

Ms. Regan moved to adjourn. Second by Mr. Carpenter
All in favor.

Adjournment at 7:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Annette Andreozzi
Land Use Clerk