

**TOWN OF GILMANTON  
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
ACADEMY BUILDING  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2011 – 7 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Chairman Allen Everett, Ella Jo Regan, Don Guarino (Selectmen's Rep), George Roberts

Land Use Clerk – Annette Andreozzi

**Absent:** Deborah Chase, Ernie Hudziec (alternate)

Chairman Everett opened the meeting at 7:01PM with introductions.

Mr. Roberts recused himself from the next case, as he is an abutter.

**Continued Public Hearing - Case # 1-2011Denise Gallant, owner/applicant:** Request a change to existing garage door. Property located at 596 Meetinghouse Road in the Meetinghouse Historic District; Tax Map/Lot # 414/33.

No one was present for the application. Mr. Everett had taken recent pictures of the present garage door. There was a discussion of options that had been presented to Ms. Gallant. The board felt that no compelling reasons had been presented for putting windows in the garage door.

Since the applicant was not present the hearing was continued to the end of the meeting.

There was a discussion related to vinyl siding; the nature of which changes the look of a building.

**Approval of Minutes** July 5, 2011.

**Ms. Regan moved to accept the minutes of July 5, 2011.**

Seconded by Mr. Guarino.

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Other Business.**

Ms. Regan brought up the issue of sandwich board signs in the Corners District. The Brick House has one out all the time, and the Church has a non-permitted sign. The Brick House's "open" flag is out all the time. It was felt that if a sign is not appropriate, that fact should be mentioned to the owner. Sandwich board should be only for special events. Mr. Roberts said that some time back, sign permits for special events were only allowed to be up for 3 weeks. After some discussion it was agreed that the HDC needs to be consistent and that Mr. Guarino would speak to the non-conforming parties.

Mr. Roberts stated that if a structure is under 16 square feet an HDC approval is not needed; he was concerned that there is not a limit on the number of small structures allowed on a lot.

Mr. Guarino reported on the Energy committee's report on the Academy Building. They want to save enough money in energy efficiency to cover the note by insulating the windows. Another group wants to restore the windows, but the same money would only do the downstairs. The energy committee did not include the necessary re-glazing in the RFP.

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The applicant did not show up or send a sample of new materials. The Clerk had left 2 phone messages for her and sent a letter.

**Ms. Regan moved to deny Case # 1-2011Denise Gallant, owner/applicant: The regulations require replacement with the same style and material or a restoration to the original. There was no compelling evidence to allow a change to a street side façade.**

Mr. Guarino seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Roberts said that the utility companies are not getting approval for new poles. Ms. Regan stated that it would not hurt to send them a reminder.

**Mr. Roberts move to send a letter to the utility companies and Metrocast.**

Ms. Regan seconded.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Roberts said that there are rumors that a house in the Corners is going to be demolished.

**Ms. Regan moved to adjourn.** Seconded by Mr. Roberts  
**All in favor.**

Adjourned at 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Andreozzi  
Land Use Clerk