

**TOWN OF GILMANTON
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
ACADEMY BUILDING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2012 – 7 p.m.**

MINUTES

Present: Chairman Allen Everett, Deborah Chase, George Roberts, Ernie Hudziec (alternate), Land Use Clerk – Annette Andreozzi
Selectmen's Rep, Don Guarino arrived late
Absent: Ella Jo Regan

Chairman Everett opened the meeting at 7:06 PM with introductions.

Approval of Minutes October 11, 2011.

Motion by Ms. Chase to accept minutes as amended.
Seconded by Mr. Hudziec. **Motion passed.**

Mr. Roberts had a discussion about the approved minutes as he was not at the last meeting.

Discussion

Ms. Chase stated that there were sentences in the old regulations that were not in the updated ones. There was discussion about sentences that had been removed.

Motion by Ms. Chase to place as #17 in procedures: "As pertaining to demolition the HDC may procure expert advice at the applicants expense, and the commission shall reconvene within 120 days to make a decision in a timely manner." Mr. Hudziec seconded.

The clerk suggested voting next month after checking requirements in the NH RSA's

Mr. Hudziec suggested that when there is a public hearing for a change in the regulations, that any changes to HDC procedures could be stated.

There was a discussion on changing the "introductory statement" (section 1) in the regulations to a "purpose statement". In the 2011 demolition hearing

there had been much reference to what the Gilmanton Historic District should look like, but there is no statement in the regs stating the purpose is to keep/make the districts look a certain way. Mr. Roberts said to use the RSA that states the purpose of an HDC instead of what the present section 1, he did not want to be specific to Gilmanton.

The clerk passed out a copy of the US Secretary of Interior's definitions and descriptions for historic preservation. There was discussion on how the definitions could standardize the HDC use of terminology and help describe a purpose.

Mr. Roberts said that if something is 50 years old it is historic it doesn't have to be the time period determined in the Gilmanton HDC regulations.

There was a discussion about the rebuilding of a non period building in the districts. The consciences was that if a fire completely consumes a building, that the new building will have to look like a period building.

Ms. Chase suggested taking home the US Secretary of Interior's definitions and descriptions and the demolition regulations from other NH towns, review them, then discuss them at the next meeting. Ms. Chase will not be in town at the time of the March meeting.

Mr. Guarino stated that using the correct word definitions would be important and beneficial.

Other Business.

It was pointed out that the house up the road [481 Province Rd., owner Morrissey] has painted its doors yellow. Ms. Chase will informally go to the house with a copy of the Gilmanton Historic District Regulations.

There was a discussion of how the HDC could be notified when property in the districts have new owners, so that the new owners can be notified about historic district regs. Mr. Guarino will find out from the tax collector if there is a way to set up a notification. A form letter should be developed by the HDC to send to new owners in the districts.

Mr. Everett stated that the shutters have disappeared from the Stubbs house at 494 Province Road. Mr. Guarino said that he knows the caretaker, and will find out what the plan is for the shutters.

**Motion by Ms. Chase to request that the Selectmen have the code enforcement officer notify the Gilmanton Corner Store that the A-frame sign is not in compliance with Gilmanton Zoning Ordinance Article III-F-4 “portable signs are prohibited”. Mr. Hudziec seconded.
Motion carries 3 – for, 1 - abstain.**

Ms. Chase stated that there needs to be a discussion about the Brick House before it reopens in Spring.

Mr. Roberts had a discussion about town meeting notices not going to the *Suncook Sun* newspaper. Then he narrowed it down to wanting the HDC to advertise in the *Sun*. The clerk will find out how many days in advance of the meeting an application will have to be turned in to met the deadline for the *Suncook Sun*. Ms. Chase reminded Mr. Roberts that the decision to eliminate ads was made based on budget concerns. Mr. Guarino said maybe there was someway it could be done.

Mr. Everett expressed concern that the Corners Library's sidewalk is asphalt. Ms. Chase said that was temporary.

Adjourn at 8:58 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Annette Andreozzi
Land Use Clerk