

**TOWN OF GILMANTON  
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
ACADEMY BUILDING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2016 – 7 PM**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Chair Ernie Hudziec, Allen Everett, Matt Grasberger, Betty Ann Abbott

**Also present:** Annette Andreozzi (Land Use Admin.)

**Absent:** Marshall Bishop (Selectmen's Rep), Roy Buttrick (alternate)

Chair Hudziec opened the meeting at 7:02 PM with introductions.

Election of officers

Mr. Grasberger nominated Mr. Hudziec for chair; seconded by Ms. Abbott.

Mr. Hudziec abstained, but all the rest were in favor.

Mr. Grasberger nominated Mr. Everett for vice-chair; Ms. Abbott seconded.

All were in favor.

General Public comments

There were none.

**Public Hearing - Case #1-2016, Henry & Darlene Page, owner/applicant:**

Request to put 17 granite posts on their properties lining Province Rd.

Properties located at 469 Province Rd. in the Corners Historic District; Tax

Map/Lot #s 126/33 & 126/32.

Mr. Everett recused himself as an abutter.

Mr. Page said he had no comments in addition to his application.

Mr. Everett said he saw the stakes for where the posts would be. He said they appeared to be the same distance as the existing granite posts.

Mr. Page said they are where the stone wall was.

**Mr. Grasberger moved to close the public hearing.** Seconded by Ms. Abbott.  
**Motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Grasberger said he has seen where the stakes are for the granite posts, and if they are spread out some that would be good.

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**Ms. Abbott moved to approve Case #1-2016, Henry & Darlene Page, owner/applicant, request to put 17 granite posts approximately 16' apart, lined up were the wall used to be on their properties lining Province Rd. Properties located at 469 Province Rd. in the Corners Historic District; Tax Map/Lot #s 126/33 & 126/32.**

Mr. Grasberger seconded the motion.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Everett rejoined the Commission.

**Public Hearing - Case #2-2016, various, owners/New Hampshire Electric Coop, applicant**: Request to put poles, wires, and anchors on properties in the Meetinghouse Historic District; Properties located at 372 & 359 Meetinghouse Rd. and 35 & 47 Stone Rd. in the Meetinghouse Historic District, Tax Map/Lot #s 414/39, 415/72, 414/40, 415/52, & 415/53.

Mark Taylor, representative of the applicant, said he was present to answer questions. He introduced his supervisor.

George Roberts said the intent of the original HDC regulation was that power poles would be placed on the Town right of way, and lines would go underground. He asked about the pole on Mr. Onion's property.

Mr. Taylor said that pole would stay. Locating the pole on Mr. Richardson's property would keep the Co-op from cutting a lot of trees.

Mr. Roberts asked if there was consideration of moving the poles in another area.

Mr. Taylor said no.

Mr. Roberts asked about poles on Route 107.

Mr. Taylor said 107 was not in the scope of work being discussed.

Ms. Andreozzi stated that Route 107 is not in the historic district.

Mr. Roberts admitted the pole he was asking about may not be in the district.

Mr. Onion said his property is one where an anchor will be put. He asked if that pole could be put where the stop sign is, and move the one across the road so the pole on his property could be skipped.

Mr. Taylor said they would rather put the pole on the Onion property so as not to cut trees on Mr. Richardson's property. And there is a rise in land there.

Mr. Roberts asked about the height of the poles.

Mr. Taylor said most would be the same height. Some will be taller if needed to cover the rise of land.

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Mr. Roberts asked if there would be more equipment.

Mr. Taylor said there will be on the Boulton property, which is not in the district.

Mr. Hudziec asked what the intent of the work was.

Mr. Taylor said to remove lines from the woods between the Hill property and Meeting House Road, so the lines can be tied together, and insure service reliability.

Mr. Onion said his service will now come from Alton so that would be good, because there have been lots of outages.

There was a clarification of trees to be cut and where they were located.

Mr. Hudziec read the HDC regulation about utilities. He stated that he wished it was written clearer.

Mr. Roberts said the HDC has latitude to give exceptions. If someone objects to an HDC ruling, they can go to the ZBA. To put all the proposed work underground would be expensive, and the utility company probably would not do anything. His concern was how it would end up looking.

Mr. Hudziec said he thinks the regulation meant service from poles to house, not what is between poles. From the pole to the house should be underground. It would be a detriment to residents if the utility service was not improved.

Ms. Abbott said the regulation was open to interpretation, but needs to be discussed.

Mr. Everett asked if the abutters were in favor.

Mr. Richardson said he was in favor.

Mr. Taylor said the work was a distribution line.

**Mr. Everett moved to close the public hearing.** Seconded by Ms. Abbott.  
**Motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Everett said the Co-op is doing a good job in the area. There have been less outages recently. People who live in the Meetinghouse area think there will be better service.

Ms. Abbott stated that the abutters that were present were in favor of the project.

**Ms. Abbott moved to approve Case # #2-2016, various, owners/New Hampshire Electric Coop, applicant: Request to put poles, wires, and anchors on properties in the Meetinghouse Historic District; Properties located at 372 & 359 Meetinghouse Rd. and 35 & 47 Stone Rd. in the Meetinghouse Historic District, Tax Map/Lot #s 414/39, 415/72, 414/40, 415/52, & 415/53. In accordance with**

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**the map provided with the application, and understanding that the HDC Regulations have some restrictions that new service lines be underground, but this approval applies to distribution lines between poles and therefore this is an exception to the regulations.**

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

**Informal discussion with Henry Vigeant re:** Requests relating to property located at 518 Province Rd. in the Corners Historic District; Tax Map/Lot #127/37.

Mr. Vigeant did not show.

**Discussion of** setting special meeting for Craig Gardner

The HDC was in agreement to set a meeting for April 26 at 7PM.

Mr. Hudziec said to ask the property buyer to appear if he is in the area. He also said to ask the Veseys to come to the April 26 meeting.

**Approval of minutes** January 12, 2016, & February 2, 2016

Motion by Mr. Everett to accept the minutes of January 12, 2016. Seconded by Mr. Grasberger.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Grasberger to accept the minutes of February 2, 2016. Seconded by Mr. Everett.

Motion passed unanimously.

**Other Business**

Mr. Hudziec said the HDC regulations regarding underground service need clarification. He wanted to hold off on the color controversy, not to discuss it in April.

APPROVED

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There was a discussion about if members needed to recuse themselves if they were not profiting from the application. The RSA and recommendations from the Office of Energy & Planning were discussed.

**Ms. Abbott moved to adjourn.** Second by Mr. Everett.  
All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Annette Andreozzi  
Land Use Administrator