

**TOWN OF GILMANTON
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
TUESDAY MARCH 04, 2008 @ 7:00 P.M.
MEETING MINUTES**

Chairman Onion called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. In attendance were Perry Onion, Allen Everett and Rachel Hatch, Selectmen's Representative. Also in attendance was Wendy Keane, Recording Clerk.

Chairman Onion welcomed the applicants to the meeting and explained the procedures for reviewing their application and the process of the Commission.

#2-2008 W. John Funk & Deborah F. Chase owners: Application requesting an 8'X16' screen porch to be constructed on the rear side of the existing dwelling. The applicant is also seeking to add alighting fixture to the exterior rear of the property and to also modify the application as approved on 10/02/07 for woodshed. Property is located at 513 Province Road in the Corners Historic District. Map 127 Lot 2.

John Funk spoke on his own behalf for an addition of a screen porch, shed and lighting.

Perry Onion stated that the plans appear to be incomplete and not to scale. John Funk stated that the plans are to scale and that there have been modifications to the plans since they were originally submitted. Mr. Funk addressed the proposed the screen porch first and explained that he would like to add an 8'X16' screen porch on the rear of his house. The roof would have a federal style roof to match the older section of the home. Mr. Funk continued to explain the proposed plans for the structure to the Commission, including screens, posts, trim and color. Mr. Funk stated that the foundation of the addition will be granite to match the existing dwelling and that the interior flooring would be of brick.

Chairman Onion inquired what kind of brick would be utilized. Mr. Funk stated that they would either use a water struck brick or used brick. Chairman Onion stated that old brick may crumble and that water struck brick may be more effective. Chairman Onion also stated that the lighting for the interior of the porch would have to be approved by the HDC because the lighting would be visible in the winter when the screens were off of the porch.

Chairman Onion stated that the Commission will need additional information regarding the proposed height of the structure as well as the height of the bar between the screens as well as other details.

George Roberts joined the meeting at 7:20.

There continued to be discussion about the plans and specs of the proposed dwelling.

John Funk stated that he and his wife would also like to add a utility shed to the property. They

propose to excavate next to the garage and to have a concrete foundation with granite showing to match the existing structures. The shed will have the same look as the garage upon completion. Mr. Funk asked for flexibility in deciding whether to add one or two windows to the Route 140 side of The structure. He stated that they would have an extra original window from the house if the proposed screen house is approved.

Perry Onion stated that, in his opinion, the structure would look better with one window or to have the two windows butted up to one another.

Chairman Onion inquired if the exterior would be clapboards or shingles. Mr. Funk asked George Roberts what his perception would be on the choices of exterior. Mr. Roberts stated that either would be consistent with the time period and that shingles would break up the monotony of clapboards and give more texture to the look of the structures.

Allen Everett inquired about hardware to be used for the doors. Mr. Funk stated that the rollers for the main door to the utility shed would be covered by a hood. Chairman Onion stated that all of the hardware couldn't be covered but that the wheel and rack can be hidden from view. The Commission offered suggestions for methods of curtailing the view of the hardware.

The discussion continued on the building specifics. Chairman Onion made the applicants aware as to what additional information was required to present to the Commission before a decision could be made on the application.

The Commission, John Funk and Deborah Chase discussed continuing the hearing until the next regularly scheduled meeting so that the applicants could gather the remaining information pertinent to the application.

MOTION: Allen Everett moved to table the application to the next regularly scheduled meeting on April 1, 2008. Seconded by George Roberts. Motion carried 4-0.

Rachel Hatch inquired if the property met the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance. Wendy Keane stated that she will look into the lot size of the property.

MOTION: Rachel Hatch moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Allen Everett. Motion carried 4-0.

Chairman Onion adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy L. Keane
Recording Clerk

Perry Onion, Chairman
Historic District Commission

