

**TOWN OF GILMANTON
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
ACADEMY BUILDING – 503 PROVINCE RD.
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2023– 6:00 PM
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MEETING MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Members present included Chairman Roy Buttrick, Member Darrel Elliott, and Selectmen's Representative Mark Warren, along with Community Development Director Bre Daigneault.

Members of the public included Kimberly Hurd, James & Amber Allen, and Robert Ronstadt.

II. Public Hearing

Case# 2023-1: Property owners Jeff Jaran & Kimberly Hurd are requesting to hang a sign approximately 36" x 34" utilizing the existing sign post. The property is located at 525 Province Rd, known as map & lot 127-008, located in the Corners Historic District.

Ms. Hurd stated the sign is in Old English type face. The sign is less than 9 sq ft. and it would only be up May thru January. It is black and white with a red heart at the bottom of the sign, being the only color. She will be using the existing sign post and light. SR Warren felt they had met criteria numbers one, two, three and four of the HDC sign regulation. He verified there were no other permanent signs.

Chair Buttrick opened to public hearing. Two letters from abutters were read into the minutes. Both were in support of the application.

SR Warren made the motion to approve the application as presented. Member Elliott seconded. **Motion passed 3-0**

III. Minutes

IV. Public Comment

Chair discussed with property owner, Mr. Ronstadt, the blinking signs that have been placed on the property (at 506 Province Rd). He did not feel the neon lights were keeping with historic nature. Member Elliott feels it may fall under a temporary sign. Ms. Hurd felt, aesthetically, she would not want it in a window but would want customers to know they were open. SR Warren did not think a neon light is suited and there could be other ways to light up an open sign. Member Elliott agrees but does not feel the regulations exclude a neon sign. An application would need to be submitted in order to keep the sign. SR Warren felt the illumination part is the concern. Exterior lighting can be LED,

but it must have shielding. A light shining on the open sign could be allowed but not the interior lighting. Mr. Ronstadt felt if it is confusing to the board it would be confusing to the property manager. He would look to do other things with white lights to show they are open. He stated there were neon signs in the café building for years. SR Warren also referred to the regulations requirement of exterior paint. Mr. Ronstadt stated they were looking at painting the whole house, but decided they would be leaving it white. The painter would, weather permitting, repaint the areas this week. Chair Buttrick stated the trim cannot be a different color from the body of the building.

SR Warren made the motion to close the public comment section. Chair Buttrick seconded. **Motion passed 3-0**

V. Adjourn

SR Warren made the motion adjourn. Member Elliott second. **Motion passed 3-0**