

**TOWN OF GILMANTON
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
ACADEMY BUILDING
THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2018 – 7 PM**

MINUTES

Present: Chair Ernie Hudziec, Mike Wilson (Selectmen's Rep), Matt Grasberger, Betty Ann Abbott, Roy Buttrick

Also present: Annette Andreozzi (Land Use Admin.)

Absent:

Chair Hudziec opened the meeting at 7: 00 PM.

General Public comments

No public was in attendance.

Review of violations and non-compliance in the Historic Districts

Discussion related to Gilmanton Cafe, Church, & Brick House.

The consensus was to send a letter to the owners thanking them for their compliance and reminding them to continue.

A letter will be sent to 500 Province Road asking if they are ready to present their update to the HDC.

Resources of the two Gilmanton historic districts

Mr. Hudziec gave a background relating to the appropriateness of the historic districts. Stating that residents have had more questions about Meeting House than the Corners. The Selectmens' rep was supposed to have an attorney study the RSAs for how to change historic districts, and be at the meeting.

Ms. Abbott suggested talking to NHMA. First figuring out what the HDC wants to do re issues of appropriateness.

Mr. Grasberger stated that most of Meeting House is land.

Mr. Hudziec said they had talked about having a public hearing in May, for feedback.

Mr. Grasberger said the HDC should have a plan, then listen to input.

Mr. Hudziec said if the public doesn't care he doesn't care.

The consensus was to have ideas, then invite public to speak.

Staff will contact DHR and the Preservation Alliance to see if someone can talk to the HDC next month.

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Mr. Hudziec said the next meeting will include a review of the data and discussion of the RSA's related to HDCs. Staff will email the RSAs to the commissioners. He stated that 90 percent of the homes in the Corners are historic, but Meeting House has few. One option to make the Meeting House district just the meeting house buildings.

Ms. Abbott said she feels it would be better to change the regulations for non-historic buildings and leave the district in place. She would like to ask the Preservation Alliance how to do that.

Mr. Hudziec said any building development in Meeting House would have to go thru the HDC which is a burden on the developer. The historic districts depends on voluntary compliance. The Corners doesn't have so many problems. The HDC members should get questions together ahead of time to send to the speaker.

Mr. Grasberger said they aren't going to get compliance when the BOS doesn't support the HDC decisions.

Ms. Abbott said it is the job of the HDC to maintain the historic nature of the districts.

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Motion by Ms. Abbott to accept minutes as corrected. Seconded by Mr. Grasberger.
Motion passed 4-0. Mr. Wilson abstained.

Other Business.

none

Ms. Abbott moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Grasberger.
All in favor.

Adjourn at 8 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Annette Andreozzi
Land Use Administrator