

Historic District Commission Meeting

Monday, December 21, 2020

Zoom Meeting, Canaan, NH

Approved Minutes

Members Present: Chair: John Bergeron; Members: Elizabeth Jutila, Richard Fox, Mike Roy, and Tom Milligan; alternate: George Foley

Members of the public: Tom Oppel

7:15 p.m. Public Meeting opened by John Bergeron

Application to repair or replace existing shed, submitted by Bill VanZant

- George Folly questions the pitch of the roof, per section 6b of the Historic District regulations. Options are for conditional approval or deny the application.
- Tom Milligan: Suggests tabling the application until dimensions are provided.
- John Bergeron: Committee has 45 days to acknowledge application and approve, deny or not acknowledge. The application was submitted on November 19th, and the next meeting is outside the timeframe. Bill may ask for an extension if the application is not approved.
- Tom Milligan: Suggests conditionally approve the application. Bill must provide us the required pitch of roof information within 30 days and the pitch must be within regulations or the application will be denied.
- Motion by Richard Fox to conditionally approve the application. Bill must provide us the required pitch of roof information within 30 days and the pitch must be within regulations or the application will be denied. Second by John Bergeron, All in favor, Roll call: Mike Roy, Elizabeth Jutila, Richard Fox, and John Bergeron

7:34 p.m. Minutes are read

The minutes reflect a spelling mistake Community was spelled with a '9' instead of an 'i'

Mike Roy: Would like to discuss the property at 577 Canaan Street.

- Noted that the bank owns the property now. Accumulations continue to be a problem and Historic District members are concerned. John Bergeron will contact Mike Samson.
- Accept minutes as amended, Motion made by Richard Fox, Second by Mike Roy, All in favor, Roll call: Mike Roy, Elizabeth Jutila, Richard Fox, and John Bergeron

Land use ordinance

- Mike Sampson put a notification about land use ordinance in the weekly email for public reading.
- John Bergeron received second hand information that the town attorney does not like the use of the phrase 'land use ordinance' and John got the impression that the ordinance may need to be expanded with more details.
- The planning board has the authority to decide the phrase used.
- This will be addressed at the public meeting on January 7th, 2021.

7:43 p.m. Mike Roy would like to see the roof pitch listed as an application requirement.

7:44 p.m. George Foley noted that John Bergeron skipped the Associate Member item on the agenda. Tom Oppel was considering joining the Commission as an Associate Member, but has just recently joined the Planning Board. Only one Planning Board member is allowed on the Historic District Commission, and at present that is John Bergeron.

7:47 p.m. Historic District signs. Discussion to be continued next meeting.

7:48 p.m. Mike Roy asked if the Canaan Street sidewalk could be plowed by the town. Richard Fox agrees, but a Selectmen did not agree that the town should plow the sidewalk. Mike and Richard believe that it is dangerous for the pedestrians of the community to be using the roadway when the sidewalk is inaccessible. Question brought up regarding who is responsible for sidewalk maintenance based on who owns the sidewalk.

7:56 p.m. Meeting terminated due to Zoom time restrictions

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Jutila