

**SANBORNTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
MINUTES-February 12, 2019- 7:00 P.M.  
TOWN OFFICES- 573 SANBORN ROAD, SANBORNTON, NH**

The Meeting was called to order by the Chair, Franz Vail, at 7:00 P.M.

The following members were in attendance: Franz Vail, Nina Gardner, Stuart Dymont, Jim Dick and Tim Cline. Also present was alternate Sam Swartz. Five regular voting members were in attendance.

Not in attendance were- Linda Salatiello, alternate member and Select board representative Tom Salatiello.

Nina Gardner again offered to take the Minutes for the meeting.

Review and approval of Minutes from Prior Meetings.  
Minutes of December 11, 2018 Meeting.

The Chair made changes to these Minutes as follows on Page 2, "new buildings added 21, and that some of the properties in 1980 were deemed not to be of significant historic value to the district, although now some are more than 50 years old and may be reconsidered."

On a Motion made by Stuart Dymont, seconded by Nina Gardner, the Minutes of the December 11, 2018 meeting, as amended, were approved. The vote was in the affirmative with Jim Dick and Tim Cline abstaining.

Minutes of the January 3, 2019 Meeting. On a Motion made by Jim Dick, seconded by Nina Gardner, the Minutes of the January 3, 2019 meeting were approved. The vote was in the affirmative with Tim Cline abstaining.

Old Business.

CLG grant application. The Chair indicated that the grant had been timely filed following approval by the Board of Selectmen. The required up front funds have been included in the HDC budget. He indicated that we should hear back on the status of the grant application in March.

Future Agenda Items. The Chair indicated that the two key items are the HDC application and the zoning ordinance. Franz suggested that he go to the Town Planner who could let the Planning Board know that the HDC would like to work on the Historic District section of the Ordinance in the coming months. Then we could follow that and begin to work on the HDC application. Tim Cline offered to get samples of applications and zoning ordinance language from other communities that have Historic Districts.

New Business.

The Chair brought to the attention of the HDC the plans that have been posted regarding the proposed town building bond. He indicated that he had felt that someone from the Commission should attend the hearing and that he had intended to do so before realizing he had another commitment that evening.

There was considerable discussion amongst the members including the fact that the Town Hall is on the National Register of Historic Places and if federal funds had been involved, would have

placed design and materials requirements on any proposed work on the building. It was also mentioned that the state statutes exempt municipalities from their own ordinances which means it may limit any involvement by the HDC in the process. The Guidelines for the HDC however do state that they apply to government buildings and churches. The process by which the proposal was developed was also discussed. The value of the town's historic character and the iconic setting up on the hilltop of the three historic buildings was referenced. Ultimately, the Commission agreed that, although we do not have any appropriate role as a commission at this point in the process, individuals should plan to attend the public hearing. Tim Cline suggested that we, as a commission, hope to convey a desire to work with the architect on devising ways for the plans to reflect the historic nature of the Town Hall Building.

Comments about the proposed change to the existing town offices (and also renovation to the Life Safety Building) included the fact that it appeared no consideration had been given to the location of the revised structures in the Historic District.

No action was taken as this item was informational only.

NHPA Membership. The Chair reported that our previous membership had lapsed and that it would be necessary to reapply. Funds are available in the budget to do so. It would cost \$50. On a Motion made by Tim Cline, seconded by Jim Dick, the HDC voted to reapply for membership in the NH Preservation Alliance. The vote was unanimous.

Subdivision in Historic District, Map 22, Lot 21, owners Scott and Marcy Kelley. The Chair indicated that this was for informational purposes only. He saw it on the Planning Board agenda and felt that he should share the information with us. There is ample frontage for the subdivision, and two lots would be created from the 4.4 acre parcel. One lot would be 1.9 acres and the other 2.5 acres. No action was required as this was informational only.

Other Business.

None

On a Motion made by Stuart Dymont, seconded by Tim Cline, the meeting was adjourned. The vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Nina Gardner, Member  
Acting Secretary