

Sanbornton Historic District Commission
Meeting Minutes
Town Offices- February 13, 2018
573 Sanborn Road
Sanbornton, New Hampshire
7:00P.M.

The Meeting was Called to Order by the Acting, for the Meeting only, Chair at 7:02 P.M.

The following members were present: Stuart Dymont and Nina Gardner and Alternate Linda Salatiello. Franz Vail was unable to attend as was Select Board representative Katy North.

The first Order of business was the designating of Linda Salatiello to serve as a voting member in the absence of Franz Vail for this meeting. The motion was made by Stuart Dymont, seconded by Nina Gardner. The motion carried unanimously. Next Linda Salatiello was designated to serve as Acting Secretary for tonight's meeting.

Minutes of the September 29, 2017 meeting were reviewed and amended (Tim Burke as possible member recommended by Linda Salatiello). The Motion to approve the Minutes was made by Lina Gardner and seconded by Linda Salatiello. The Motion was unanimously approved.

Nina Gardner agreed to handle the responsibility of Chair for the meeting. A Motion was made by Stuart Dymont, seconded by Nina Gardner to nominate Franz Vail to serve as Chair of the Commission. It was noted that this was discussed with Franz and that he was agreeable to serve, noting he had some out of state travel requirements he would need to work around. The Motion was unanimously approved.

Old Business.

The September 27, 2017 letter sent to Jared and Kaitlin Hebert regarding their in ground pool and non-compliance with the HDC Guidelines was discussed. The Chair noted that she had not heard from the Herberts nor had they contacted anyone in the Town Office. The conversation led to consideration that the next move for this non-compliance was to refer the matter to the Board of Selectmen. A motion was made by Linda Salatiello, seconded by Stuart Dymont, to refer this matter to the Board of Selectmen for enforcement action. The motion was unanimously approved.

New Business.

The Town Administrator had referred a letter of volunteer interest to the HDC Commission for their review and input. Tim Cline had expressed interest in serving. What members knew of him is that he lives in the District in a rental property owned by Stuart Dymont, a current commission member. Stuart Dymont indicated that he had not spoken with Mr. Cline about the Commission so this was on his own initiative. The members felt that it would be important for it to find out if he is a registered voter, and if there is any requirement that he needed to own property in town to be eligible to serve on any board. Nina Gardner indicated that she had been unsuccessful in her attempts to reach Tim Burke who the HDC has discussed as being a potential member of the Commission. Stuart Dymont suggested that it might be helpful to have Mr. Cline attend our next commission meeting so we could meet him and could more appropriately report back to the Town Administrator. Stuart also offered to contact Tim Burke to see if he had any interest in serving on the Commission.

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Dennis Akerman of Gulf Road next conferred with the Commission regarding the reroofing of his home with a metal roof. He stated that he has a quote and that the roof would be black with ribbing. Discussion ensued and the Board was hesitant to approve metal as a material for roofing as it is not guideline compliant. He was encouraged to consider other available options and return with a formal application.

David Henderson, church moderator for the United Church of Christ Church, (UCC) came before the Commission for consultation about new signage for the church. He is working on completing the application and wanted some guidance before submitting it. The church will be celebrating its 250th year and the proposed signage is to be in place for that event. The sign as depicted on the drawing presented will be constructed of all wood and painted. It will sit on a stone base and has lettering on both sides. Mr. Henderson believes this proposal is in compliance with the ordinance. There will be spot lights illuminating the sign shining up towards the sign. Stuart Dymont suggested that the posts seemed a bit spindly and recommended that they be increased to 6 x 6. There was also further discussion about the return of directional signage on Meeting House Hill, and Mr. Henderson was advised to first discuss this with the DPW Director as at least one of the prior directional signs had been removed in the past.

The Commission had received forwarded correspondence from Katie Ambrose and Selectman Katy North from Tricia Brooks who wrote to the Town wondering if grants are available for upgrades of buildings within the Historic District. Stuart Dymont indicated that he was unaware of any available funds for private residences. Nina Gardner concurred but suggested perhaps the Historic Preservation Alliance could be of assistance to Ms. Brooks.

There was no further business to come before the Commission.

On a Motion made by Stuart Dymont, seconded by Linda Salatiello, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M. The Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Salatiello, Acting Secretary

The next scheduled meeting will be at the Call of the Chair or if applications are submitted for approval.