

**SANBORNTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
MINUTES-June 23, 2022 @ 7:00 P.M.  
At Lane Tavern (Sanbornton Historical Society)**

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

II. Members present: Franz Vail, Nina Gardner, Sam Swartz, Brandon Deacon, Select Board representative. Alternate Barbara Whetstone was not present.

In addition there were 8 members of the public in attendance.

III. Nina Gardner agreed to take Minutes of the Meeting.

The Chair opened the meeting explaining that the program tonight follows from the work Mae Williams had done in 2020 updating an earlier survey of all the properties in the district. She prepared a 109 page report that is available at the Historic District Commission page, Town of Sanbornton website. Tonight Ms. Williams will present a digital tour of selected properties briefly discussing their history and discussing significant historical/architectural features of many of these properties.

Prior to the presentation Franz Vail introduced Ms. Williams:

Mae has a Master of Arts in Historic preservation from Plymouth State University and Bachelor of Arts in Medieval Art History. After receiving her secondary degree, she found a way to combine her loves of history, architecture and environmental conservation in a career in historic preservation. Mae is particularly interested in the connections between historic preservation and environmental sustainability and sees historic preservation as a means of celebrating cultural heritage, mitigating climate change, and creating economic growth. In 2014, she opened her own business as an independent historic preservation consultant and architectural historian and works out of an office in Center Harbor. She travels all across New Hampshire, studying individual properties, villages, and towns to develop property/area histories, assists with local planning initiatives, and partners with others to help develop rehabilitation plans. Mae is currently a member of the Board of Trustees for the Squam Lakes Archive Center.

Properties that were discussed included:

- Chase Taylor Cottage (506 Sanborn Rd)
- Simon Lane House (49 Tower Hill Rd)
- Joseph Conner House (42 Meeting House Hill Rd)
- John Blaisdell House (543 Sanborn Rd)
- Abraham Bodwell House (3 Tower Hill Rd)
- Capt. Joshua Lane House & Blacksmith's Shop (530 Sanborn Rd)
- Thomas Hill House (533 Sanborn Rd)
- Eastman Farm (65 Tower Hill Rd)
- Beniah Sanborn House (22 Meeting House Hill Rd)
- Joseph Kimball House (22 Perkins Rd)
- Sunshine Cottage & The Square Spot (515 Sanborn Rd)
- Ted Abbott House (19 Gulf Rd)

- Douglass Prescott House (26 Perkins Rd)

Ms. Williams explained that the selection of these properties was made taking into consideration some of the oldest houses remaining in the District, as well of some later structures showing the evolution of the houses in the Historic District.

Ms. Williams entertained comments and questions throughout her presentations. She commented that she continues to learn more about these properties as she speaks with the current owners of them.

This program was made possible with funding through a Certified Local Government Grant from the Division of Historical Resources, State of New Hampshire.

The program concluded at 8:20 P.M.

No formal business was taken up at this presentation meeting,

Minutes prepared from notes taken by Nina Gardner, Acting Secretary

