

**SANBORNTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MINUTES-November 10, 2020 @ 7:00 P.M.
TOWN OFFICES- 573 SANBORN ROAD, SANBORNTON, NH
Due to the Coviv-19 Emergency there was no physical presence**

**Meeting was conducted via Zoom arranged by Mae Williams- Presenter
Meeting ID # 880 9819 5211**

The Meeting was called to order by the Chair, Franz Vail at 7:05 P.M.

The Chair opened the meeting by reading into the record the Meeting Preamble during COVID-19 Emergency.

“Good Evening, as Chairman of the Historic District Commission, I am declaring that an emergency exists and I am invoking the provisions of RSA 91-A; 2, III, (b). Federal, state, and local officials have determined that gatherings of 10 or more people pose a substantial risk to our community in its continuing efforts to combat the spread of COVID-19. In concurring with their determination, I also find this meeting is imperative to continued operation of Sanbornton town government and services, which is vital to public safety and confidence during this emergency. As such, this meeting will be conducted without a quorum of this body physically present in the same location.

At this time, I also welcome members of the public accessing this meeting remotely. Even though this meeting is being conducted in a unique manner under unusual circumstances, the usual rules of conduct and decorum apply. Any person found to be disrupting this meeting will be asked to cease the disruption. Should the disruptive behavior continue thereafter, that person will be removed from the meeting.

Please note that all votes that are taken during this meeting shall be done by Roll Call vote.

Let's start the meeting by taking a Roll Call attendance. When each member states their name, also please state whether there is anyone else in the room with you during this meeting, which is required under the Right-to-Know Law.”

II. Roll call. Nina Gardner- no one present; Jim Dick- no one present; Franz Vail- no one present; Stuart Dymont- no one present; Sam Swartz-no one present; Tim Cline-no one present.

Not present was Barbara Whetstone, alternate member.

The following member of the public participated in the Zoom Meeting.

James and Sally Woods, Cyndi Morse, Diane Herbert, Susan Dymont, Jesse Bodwell, Sheila Kufert, Bob and Betsy Bryant, Maria Haddad, Judy Stoecklin, Bingham family member, Karen Dorsch, Nan52, and a few unidentified participants.

Nina Gardner agreed to take Minutes of the Meeting.

The Chair, Franz Vail opened this special meeting which had been arranged so that Mae Williams, historic preservationist and architectural historian, could present the findings of her study of the Sanbornton Historic District. Franz explained the background to Ms. Williams's

work that had been funded through a grant from the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, through the NH Division of Historical Resources. The purpose of the work was to provide an update to information on each of the 94 parcels in the current historic district, and to formalize the district boundaries.

The Chair also provided a brief explanation of the role of the Historic District Commission. The Historic District in Sanbornton was created in 1964 by vote of the town. The district was added to the National Register in 1980. He noted that this project was begun in 2019 and establishes a snapshot of the current properties in the district. He mentioned that the Commission has plans to again apply for further federal grants to follow up on this baseline study, which we hope will provide further opportunity for the residents of the district and the Commission to work together.

Ms. Williams began her Zoom presentation to those in attendance on the Zoom Meeting.

The presentation was recorded.

Questions were asked of Ms. Williams by Susan Dymant who wondered if the Commission could expand the scope of its role to historic properties outside of the current district. Ms. Haddad inquired as to how one might know if their property had contributing characteristics to the district. Bob Bryant was interested in how he might be able to further pursue the history of the barn he owns which was the original blacksmith shop.

The Chair reminded participants that a copy of Ms. Williams report was available on the Town website and we plan to have a few hardcopies available at the Town Office and the Sanbornton Public Library. Franz thanked those who joined the Zoom presentation and closed the meeting at 7:58 P.M.

Minutes prepared and compiled by Nina C. Gardner, Acting Secretary.