

**SANBORNTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
MINUTES- September 15, 2022 @ 6:00 P.M.  
Sanbornton Public Library Meeting Room  
Meeting House Hill Road**

I. The Meeting was called to order by the Chair, Franz Vail at 7:07 P.M.

II. Members present: Franz Vail, Nina Gardner, Sam Swartz, Brandon Deacon, Select Board representative, Kyle Orde, Planning Board representative and Alternate member Barbara Whetstone.

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

IV. Approval of Minutes of the August 9, 2022 Meeting.

On a Motion made by Sam Swartz, seconded by Brandon Deacon, the Minutes of the August 9, 2022 meeting were approved as presented. Those voting in favor were: Sam Swartz, Brandon Deacon, Nina Gardner and Franz Vail. Kyle Orde and Barbara Whetstone abstained from the vote.

V. Continued Public Hearing for Christopher Abbott application for approval of 24 ground mounted solar panels Tax Map 27, Lot 34 on Sanborn Road.

Victoria Abbott was present as agent for her son Christopher who was unable to attend the hearing.

Mrs. Abbott explained that her son Christopher was thinking about planting rows of Christmas trees as a possible screen. In response to a concern raised that it would take a long time for the small saplings to grow to a point where they could effectively provide the natural buffer as defined in the zoning ordinance, she stated that Chris could consider adding some larger existing trees amongst the new young small trees to help establish the buffer. Along these lines it was suggested that he speak with Brad Crosby who has done that on his nearby property.

No final decision was reached as to what the vegetative plan would be.

Franz Vail closed the Public hearing at 7:29 P.M.

Sam Swartz Moved, seconded by Brandon Deacon, that the Historic District Commission grant conditional approval for the ground mounted solar panels on Tax Map 27, Lot 34 (Sanborn Road) as submitted by Christopher Abbott on July 25, 2022, subject to final approval of the planting plan which serves as the visual shield between the panels and Sanborn Road, following Planning Board Review, as may be required.

The Motion was approved by unanimous vote with the following members voting in the Affirmative- Franz Vail, Sam Swartz, Nina Gardner, Brandon Deacon, and Kyle Orde. Barbara Whetstone did not vote.

VI. Old Business  
Grant Close Out

The Chair reported that he had submitted the Final Report on our grant projects via email to the Division of Historical Resources as required. The town had expenses of \$900 and \$880 for the cost of the two presentations and about \$130 for the mailing expenses. Ultimately the town will get reimbursed for about \$1800 of the \$1838 dollars of actual expense.

## 7. New/Other Business

Rebekka Mateyk, Librarian, accompanied by Virginia Blackmer, Vice Chair Board of Trustees, came before the Commission with photos showing how a proposal to move the existing book drop box might look after relocating it slightly. It was explained that as this is town owned property, technically, it is not required that there be approval. However, the willingness to come before the Commission was very much appreciated. No concerns were raised.

Rebecca also mentioned that the Library is seeking CIP review by the Town for a project to restore the existing windows in the building. Funds for this project would come from gifts received by the Library with expenditure authorized by the trustees.

Sam Swartz explained that he intends to restore the attached raised porch/deck that is connected to the mid -19<sup>th</sup> century addition to his home. He will be working with Greg Cote. He proposes to recreate the existing porch/raised deck structure using wood, painted white, with lattice work painted Green. The existing railing would be replaced as well. He expressed his belief that no building application would be needed as he was merely replacing what currently exists. During further discussion he commented that he will add a top railing and square wood balusters. In doing these changes, however, it was thought that he should bring the proposal back before the Commission. He stated that there was no plan to begin this work until next spring 2023.

On a Motion made by Sam Swartz, seconded by Franz Vail, the meeting was adjourned at 7:13 P.M. The vote was unanimous.

Minutes prepared from notes taken by Nina Gardner  
Acting Secretary

