

Historic District Commission
Minutes of March 20, 2024

Call to Order: 6:05 PM

Members Present: Kevin Bragg, Ann Emerson, Harry Kinter, Jeff Leidinger

1. Fred Brewster, chairperson of the Canterbury Historical Society (CHS) Sign Committee, gave a brief presentation on the signs recommended for placement on the historic properties in town. The size, format and materials were reviewed and the estimated cost for fifty signs (\$42.50 each) produced by the NH State Prison discussed. The signs would be prepared in coordination with the publication of the “Historic Houses of Canterbury” book being prepared by the CHS. On a motion made by Harry, seconded by Ann, the proposed sign as presented by Fred was approved for use in the Center Historic District.
2. The revised regulations which were previously distributed were reviewed. The members agreed that all of the changes discussed at the prior meeting had been adequately addressed. The only further change suggested was item 3 (A) related to the filing of applications. It was agreed that the regulations would be amended to have all applications filed with the newly created Land Use Administrator. Until the position is filled applications will continue to be filed with the Town Assessor and not the Code Enforcement Officer.
3. Bill Adams, chairperson of the CHS “cellar hole” project, raised the question of how to provide access to “cellar hole” data while ensuring private property rights are recognized. The concern is that the publication of a map locating cellar holes throughout Town may encourage people enter private property without the requisite permission to examine the sites. While the HDC recognized the dilemma the members felt that the issue should be addressed by the CHS, which initiated the project. Harry noted that the Division of Historical Resources maintains files with the locations of archeologically important sites for research purposes; however, the information is not published to reduce the potential for site disruption and trespassing. No action by HDC was required.
4. Kevin noted that five applications for approval had been submitted by Shaker Village. Two of the applications were for projects which had been completed or partially completed. The roof replacement on the “brothers house” has been completed; however, the five generators installed at the village still required screening which should be reviewed by the HDC. Three new projects have also been proposed; however, the completed applications have yet to be reviewed prior to submittal to the HDC. On a motion made by Harry and seconded by Kevin, the members voted to have the Village attend the next regularly scheduled meeting to present their completed applications. The applications will be distributed by Kevin for member review prior to the next meeting.

Adjournment - 7:05 PM