

Draft Minutes - Canterbury Historic District Commission

May 18, 7 pm

Meeting House

Present:

Kevin Bragg (Chair): Jeff Leidinger: Anne Emerson: Ginger Laplante: Harry Kinter: Kent Ruesswick (BOS rep): Lois Scribner (secretary/alternate)

Agenda

1. Call to order

Kevin Bragg called the meeting to order at 7.05 pm.

2. Minutes April 20, 2022

Kevin raised the Minutes of April 20. Harry asked that the reference to the shed the Meehs are building be referred to as a 'Shaker like' shed rather than 'carriage'. Kent Ruesswick noted he had said 'strap' rather than 'harness' for securing posts. There being no further discussion, those Minutes as amended were approved.

3. Ordinance Work

Members resumed the work on the Architectural Features section. This is all part of the work to update the HDC Regulations. The goal is to submit the finished document (Ordinance, Regulations, Application and Guidelines) to the Select Board and town counsel, if necessary, to clarify what parts of this work are within the HDC remit, what parts need Select Board approval and what might need Town Meeting approval.

#3 - Storm windows and storm doors: agreed to keep that as it is.

#4 – Shutters: There was discussion about the role shutters play, whether functional or decorative. Quality was desirable but so was practicality. It was agreed to amend this to shutters and hardware "shall be architecturally consistent with the period and styling of the house".

#5. Doors: It was agreed to keep #5 as it is.

#6. Roofs: It was agreed to delete sentence 3 and instead write that "Alternate roof designs will be considered on an individual basis". The question of color was raised - some other towns do require approval for

color choices. The type of materials used for roofs was also mentioned. It was agreed to modify that clause with approval being needed from the HDC for the “color, type, and size of any new roofing materials”.

#7. Chimneys: this was reduced to just the first sentence; the rest being deleted.

#8. Foundations: no changes made to this section.

#9. Garages: no changes.

#10. Barns: because ‘traditional New England style’ can be difficult to interpret, and often barns are not built at the same time as the main house, it was decided to change this clause to “Barns shall be architecturally consistent with the design period and primary structure on the property”.

#11. Sheds and outbuildings: it was decided to insert “metal” before “corrugated.”

#12. Solar panels: there was discussion about the contradiction between the town having panels in the Center yet property owners have to abide by other rules, and the visibility or otherwise of their solar panels. It was suggested that “the HDC should be consulted as to the location, installation of solar panels, as well as the feasibility or not of alternate locations”.

#13. Dormers: leave that language.

#14. Additions: keep this language.

#15. Decks and porches: no change.

Next meeting will focus on Section C, Exterior Features.

#### 4. Other Business

##### (i) Historical Society signs in the Center

Two members of the HDC are also Trustees of the Historical Society (Harry Kinter and Anne Emerson). Harry shared information about a new project headed by a subcommittee of the CHS to bring signs to the Center of town, having historic buildings

81 recognized with small plaques, if they are eligible to be entered  
82 onto the state historic register. These may include the Town Hall,  
83 the One Room School House, and the Elkins Memorial Building. It  
84 is hoped to use the state prison workshops to keep costs down.  
85 Members of the HDC will be interested to see the drawings and  
86 plans for these. The question of whether this development will  
87 need a public hearing, with abutter notices and so on, was raised.  
88 Kevin asked Kent to find that out from the Selectmen. If there was  
89 to be a public hearing and abutter notices, funding would be  
90 required to cover those costs. This work is for informational  
91 purposes only. If a building has state recognition rather than just  
92 the local historical society, it can open the door to funding from  
93 organizations such as LChip. It was also suggested this could be  
94 one way to get started on the signs that could show the  
95 boundaries of the Center Historic District.

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98 6. Adjournment

99 Kevin made a motion to adjourn, Kent seconded -- and all were in favor. It  
100 was about 8:42 pm.

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104 Lois Scribner, secretary to HDC.  
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