

Draft Minutes
Canterbury Historic District Commission
October 20, 2021
7 pm Meeting House

Present:

Kevin Bragg (Chair); Jeff Leidinger; Anne Emerson; Harry Kinter; Ginger Laplante;

Absent:

Art Hudson; Lois Scribner

Others Present:

Mike Tardiff (Executive Director of Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission); Kent Ruesswick, (Planning Board)

Agenda:

1. Call to Order

Kevin Bragg called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

2. Minutes of September 22, 2021

Kevin asked for comments on the minutes. As there were none it was voted to accept the minutes as recorded.

3. Mike Tardiff, Executive Director of Central New Hampshire Planning Commission came to speak about Canterbury's Master Plan for Tomorrow. He said there was a high response to the community survey. He distributed copies of the summary for us to review. He also distributed copies of Chapter 3: Canterbury History for us to review and provide comments from our perspective.

Mike would like us to consider how the Master Plan can help the HDC. How can the HDC be incorporated into the plan, for the Planning Board? He

said the Master Plan could potentially help with public outreach and raise our profile.

Kevin explained that we are working on updating and revising our HDC Ordinance.

Mike said they are planning public visioning sessions to explain the new plans.

Kevin said we are trying to clarify our position related to other town Boards. We want to maintain the rural aesthetic of our town. We have two Historic Districts. We are considering the possibility of including outlying houses.

Harry asked if the CNHRPC has worked with Heritage Commissions. Mike said not really, and Harry said maybe we could start with a voluntary program.

We wondered what is the history of The Plan for Tomorrow. Mike said the earliest mention of the existence of such a plan was in 1932. Jeff mentioned our new book of Canterbury History in the twentieth century, Staying Small in a Century of Growth, by Kathryn Grover.

Mike commented that elementary schools and broadband are key issues in rural communities.

We are on the Planning Board's agenda for November 9 regarding Harry and Sarah Kinters' proposal to have their house included in the Center Historic District. Harry volunteered to do a draft rewrite of the HDC ordinance to include his lot.

There was discussion of redoing the maps to make them more clear.

4. Other Business:

Warrant article:

November 8 is the first chance to propose it, December 8 is the last. January 6 is the last date to publish notice for a public hearing on proposed changes in HDC ordinance.

Discussion involved what could be done by the HDC, what could be done by the Select Board and what would need to be in a warrant article and go to the voters at Town Meeting. What goes in the warrant

72 article needs to be presented in a way that voters could understand.
73 Most could be done by HDC or Select Board.
74 Our increase in number of HDC members would need a vote.
75 Change of district boundaries would need a vote.
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77 At the next meeting of the Selectmen, Monday, November 1, Kevin
78 will ask the BOS to take our proposed changes and tell us what will
79 require a vote.
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81 Further work for Harry Kinter Center Historic District boundary change:
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83 Harry will draw up a plan for the boundary change.
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85 Shaker Village updates:
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87 CSV is putting in four generators for use during power outages. Three
88 of them are in the public viewshed. One is to be on the east side of
89 Shaker Road, between the back of the carriage house and the fence.
90 Kevin has asked the Village to submit an application for approval of
91 this unit. The other two are behind the “restaurant” and behind the
92 “visitor center”. Kevin has also asked that the unit behind the
93 “restaurant” be screened in with an appropriate privacy fence, to be
94 erected. This fencing was a condition of approval when first granted
95 for construction of the building but the current fence was taken down at
96 some point. Kevin gave CSV a packet of HDC
97 information. He is discussing this with Justin at CSV.
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99 Harry suggested that we write a letter to CSV Director Leslie Nolan,
100 explaining the HDC requirements.
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102 Jeff said we should schedule a meeting with the Building Inspector to
103 make clear what the responsibilities are regarding awareness of HDC.
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105 Barn update:
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107 Following our last meeting Ron called Steve Fifield, who came the

108 next day. Since then he and Derek have finished taking down the barn,
109 Derek has moved some things out back, and Mark Padula has cleaned
110 up the site, loamed it over, and it's ready to be seeded. The trees are
111 replanted to the satisfaction of the Cemetery Committee. Some pieces
112 of aged granite remain. Possibly Chance Anderson will know what to
113 do with them.

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115 Having been through this experience we will be better prepared
116 in the future to deal with such projects.

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118 Review of the Application:

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120 Jeff asked for a review of his proposed draft for the application. The
121 committee discussed and approved the draft.

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123 Adjournment:

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125 The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

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127 NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 7 PM
128 MEETING HOUSE.

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131 Respectfully submitted,
132 Anne Emerson, for Lois Scribner, secretary to HDC