

**Historic District Commission
Canterbury, NH
20 September 2023
Draft of Minutes**

Present were: Chairman Kevin Bragg, Ann Emerson, Jeff Leidinger, Harry Kinter and Ginger LaPlante

Agenda

1. Call to order

Kevin called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

2. Previous minutes from August 16

The meeting was called to order and the minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as written. A motion was made and approved that Harry Kinter be a voting member tonight.

3. HDC regulations ongoing work:

Town Attorney markups and comments to town administrator:

Kevin opened up for discussion: Ann spoke about ideas for new membership (11) 3.D. criteria for new membership. Jeff: basis given for who to select when voting, is not a mandate. Ginger and Jeff: We recommend they select; this is to give them some direction of how to select. Harry spoke to the language in document of what preceded it. Jeff advised there was no previous language. Kevin: Should we be considering the last sentence-should be resident of district...could insert Historic District Commission where it says Selectboard. Page 11: 13.2.4 Architectural style...does this not come out of something prior. Jeff: language in preamble is already in rules and regulations, we refined it. Where order was vague or contradictory, the purpose of amendments was to provide clarity. It doesn't rise to the level of ordinance unless the town votes on it. There is a difference between amending and ordinance that must come to town meeting. Rule or procedure we can do with public hearing. It does not rise to the level of an amendment to an ordinance. Kevin: What we have is already an accepted practice. Harry thinks the whole thing was brought on by Mr. Folsum. Kevin: When we said we had changes, did Ken go to the town attorney? Kevin: I don't know, I wasn't there. Jeff: The areas he identified dealing with trees, the ordinance is very specific, this is a clarification.

HDC plan for meeting with BOS on October 2:

Jeff suggests the Commission meet with the Selectboard and the town attorney or we have wasted a great deal of time. The Ordinance empowers the Historic District Commission with exterior things. He thinks this Commission should meet with the Selectboard and perhaps the town attorney for clarifications. Demolition, moving and altering is part of the Historic District Commission Ordinance. Kevin: Referred to regulations in other towns as well as ours if falling into a state of disrepair, so falls to demolition. Harry: Do we have the written authority? Section D gives the Commission regulatory authority. Kevin concurred; the authority already exists. Harry responded we should have made this point before Ken contacted the town attorney. Kevin asked why do we have Selectboard members on these boards and commissions if the Selectboard doesn't know something and tasks the Town Administrator to look into it, that's one thing. Kevin asked those present are you tasking me to request that at the 2 October Selectboard meeting the town attorney be present because we have put years

into it? Recommended that everyone come at 5:30 to the Selectboard meeting. Harry advised he is having his house gable washed and painted, no changes being made to the house.

October 2, 5:30 PM Selectboard Meeting in the Meeting House.

Jeff requested Kevin communicate with Kent, so he is aware of what we are doing.

Jeff suggested we change the wording to use zoning map, it's clear and simple. Waiver provision.

4. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Jeff, Ann seconded. All in favor. The meeting closed at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Carlson in Lois Scribner's absence