Canaan Historic District (HDC) Meeting Minutes  
June 16, 2008  
Senior Center, Canaan, NH

Approved Minutes

Members Present: John Bergeron (JB), Rainie Kelly (RK), Dan Fleetham (DF), Andrew Mulligan (AM), Scott Borthwick (SB), ex officio  
Alternate Members Present: Skip Baldwin (CB)  
Absent: Tom Hudgens (excused)

Member of the Public in Attendance: none

7:00 Meeting called to order.  
JB read minutes of May 19 meeting. Motion to approve with minor changes: SB / 2nd DF  
Motion Passed

7:10 Continued Public Hearing of the Baldwin Application for a dwelling on the east side of Canaan St. (#10-1 on tax map). No representatives were present to address the following conditions for approval of this application:

1. HDC will be notified when new location is determined for garage currently on the lot.  
2. Baldwins will submit for HDC approval color samples of the smooth cement-fiber clapboards to be used on the house and garage.  
3. Vent pipes on the leach field will be camouflaged.  
4. Side of bulkhead facing Canaan St. will be camouflaged.  
5. Baldwins will send photos of outdoor lighting fixtures to HDC for approval.  
6. Baldwins will notify HDC if they choose to install a heat pump with an exterior compressor.

The hearing on the Baldwin application is continued to July 21 2008 at 7:15.

7:12 Update on request from a merchant to do business from a vendor truck at the Canaan Street Public Beach. SB informed the HDC that the Selectboard will allow the vendor to sell from his truck but they will impose restrictions regarding trash and use of electricity. Truck will have to be parked in the parking lot. If this permission leads to a proliferation of vendors at that site, the Selectboard will consider additional restrictions. At this point, the HDC will not take any action in the matter.

7:25 Update on markers for historic homes in Canaan: RK reported that brochures have been printed and distributed to some residents of the Historic District. Three signs have been ordered through the HDC to date. Bob Leonard of Ould Colony Artisans, maker of the signs, suggested replacing samples of the signs used in our brochure with samples he created which are more accurate in scale and typeface. RK will scan Bob’s samples to TH to see if he can make the suggested changes and will then print more brochures. Ideas for how to promote the purchase of historic markers include the insertion of brochures in the Source Water Protection Committee’s grant mailing. JB will inform RK of the date of the mailing and number of brochures needed. JB will also send addresses of HD residents to RK who will make sure everyone who lives in the district gets a copy of the brochure. RK will also leave brochures at the Canaan Library, Town
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Offices, Meetinghouse (on nights of the poetry readings) and at the CMAA store. CB offered to place an ad in the Valley News and to underwrite the cost. JB will leave brochures in Canaan convenience stores. JB has already asked Sharon Duffy to include a copy of the brochure on the town’s website. When completed signs arrive, RK will take them to the Canaan Farmers’ Market to display.

7:35 Discussion of vacant position for alternate member of HDC. JB will ask Bruce Barrett if he is interested in serving.

7:40 Other Business
JB reported that he has spoken to HD property owners, Clark & Arista, and to the designer of their septic system about camouflaging the vent pipes (snorkels) from their proposed new system. The designer assured JB that the snorkels won’t be visible from any public way.

CB would like to place a weathervane on top of the cupola on his garage and inquired about the necessity of submitting an application to the HDC in order to do this. Members read and discussed the governing HDC Regulation (Appendix A, section A: 2 (d). SB made a motion that no application is necessary in this instance since the design and placement of the Baldwins’ weathervane is consistent with HDC regulations. RK 2nd. Motion passed.

8:00 Motion to Adjourn DF / SB: 2nd. Motion passed.
8:00 Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Rainie Kelly, Secretary

Next Meeting: July 21 at 7:00. Please notify JB if you cannot attend.