

# Historic District Commission Meeting

June 17, 2019

Canaan Street Meetinghouse

Canaan, NH

Approved minutes

Public Hearing to propose revisions to the HDC regulations, section V, VI, VIII, X, XII. Also review the door and shutter paint colors for Oppel at 491 Canaan Street.

Commission members present: John Bergeron, Mike Roy, Elizabeth Jutila, Tina Lemoi, Richard Fox and Mary Noordsy

7:15 Public Hearing opened by John Bergeron

John Bergeron - Explained the summary of the proposed changes to the HDC regulations via slide show presentation, which is attached.

Brian Ellstein - Comments/Question: Seems like regulations were changed based off the actions of a few residents regarding section 5 G. Recreational Vehicles and section 8 D Environmental Criteria - accumulations.

John Bergeron – Re-summarized the slide titled “Proposed Revisions”

Dick Abington - Question: Who does the enforcement? Section X

Andrew Terhune - Comment received from Andrew Terhune via email before the hearing:

“I did go to the link and read the redlined proposal. My reaction is that I'm thankful that we don't own any property in the district. Both the existing and proposed rules represent the kind of meddling in people's private affairs that I've come to expect in big cities but perhaps wistfully hoped one could escape in small-town America.

I would prefer that the town work toward voluntary cooperation among the owners in the district rather than by coercion as is the case with the ordinance.”

Patsy Carter - Comment/Questions: Explained reasoning for their use of the mobile home and the right of way. Asked how this change would affect them.

Claude Lemoi - Comment: Suggested a change/clarification is needed to page 19, section VIII, D; between first and second sentence disagreement: ‘ ... maintained free of accumulations,... Accumulations must be stored away from public and abutter view or

removed from the property.' First sentence says you cannot have accumulations except that the second sentence says accumulations must be stored away or removed. Agrees with the proposed Regulations.

Bob Nero - Comment: Agrees with the Historic Street and review of section 5 K Grandfathered Use. Also agrees with the proposed Regulations.

Mike Roy - Comment: Public opinions are important to the HDC board and the public are invited to every public meeting. The HDC board, mainly John Bergeron, researches all information and regulations.

Tom Milligan - Question: Is the change of 2 to 4 acres regulation an invasion of property rights and has it been cleared by legal counsel?

Dan Fleetham - Questions: Do the town regulations cover any of the proposed revisions? Are these being redundant?

7:50pm Public Hearing closed

Elizabeth Jutila - reading of April Minutes

Mike Roy: Move to accept Motion, seconded by Tina, all in favor

Mary Noordsy - reading of May Minutes

Mike Roy: Move to accept Motion, seconded by Tina, all in favor

8:00pm Open Public Hearing

General Discussion of item: Oppel requested color change for the front door and shutters.

8:05pm Public Hearing closed

Mike Roy: Move to accept Oppel's request, seconded by Tina, all in favor

General Discussion of item: Historic District Sign

Discussed: Carved sign versus painted; material used being metal versus wood; approach town for funding or take up a collection from residents on the street. All options are on the table and other historic district's choices will be reviewed.

Motion to adjourn by Tina, seconded by Mike

Respectfully submitted,  
Elizabeth Jutila