

Historic District Commission Meeting

April 17, 2023

Mascoma Community Health Center

18 Roberts Road

Canaan, NH

Members: Chair John Bergeron (JB), Tom Milligan (TM) and Elizabeth Jutila (EJ)

Alternates: Chris Wolcott (CW)

Associates: Jerry Brightman (JB2), John Dyer (JD)

Select Board Representative: Dan Collins (DC)

Public: None

Absent: Vice Chair Mike Roy (MR), Alternate Bill VanZandt (BV), Alternate George Foley (GF)

7:15 PM JB calls meeting to order

Review the Minutes from March 20, 2023

Minutes accepted with Amendments.

Motion to approve: EJ Second: TM

All in favor: unanimous

7:27 PM Short Term Rental (STR) Discussion

- JB spoke with Police Chief, Fire Chief, Goose Pond Assoc.
 - All indicated that there were no reported issues
- Planning Board would draft Ordinance, put to Warrant Article for vote in March 2024.

7:34 PM Status update on non-compliant fences in Historic District

- Rosenthal 569 Canaan Street– Fence has been removed
- Smith 40 Moss Flower Lane – Was previously given until May 2023 to remove fence, JB to follow up
- Clark 56 Moss Flower Lane – EJ spoke with Clarks on their fence, JB to follow up
- Geoghegan 561 Canaan Street –JB followed up and understands they plan to address it this Spring

Discussion on whether to modify ordinance to allow chicken wire type fencing, to define the term “fence”. Conversation to be continued at subsequent meetings.

Status of the former Lucerne Inn 532 Canaan Street – JB reached out to the Architect via email on the project and understands that the Owner is not pursuing a renovation project at this time.

7:52 PM Trees on Canaan Street

- JB corresponded via email with Doug King / DOT District Engineer
 - DOT recommended that trees be planted outside the ROW, a DOT Engineer can assist in determining extent of ROW if we are interested.
- Discussion on contacting DOT to make Canaan Street within and around the Historic District a Road Salt Reduction Zone due to proximity of street to Canaan Street Lake and due to harm to the trees caused by road salt exposure.
- Conversation to continue at next meeting

8:03 PM Rules of Procedure

- Proposed changes to Rules of Procedure were discussed
- Conversation to continue at next meeting

Motion to adjourn: TM Second: EJ

All in favor: unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Wolcott