

MEETING MINUTES
Historic District Commission Meeting
September 18, 2023
Mascoma Community Health Center
18 Roberts Road
Canaan, NH

Members: Chair Tom Milligan (TM), Vice Chair Mike Roy (MR), Secretary Chris Wolcott (CW), Elizabeth Jutila (EJ)

Alternates: John Bergeron (JB), George Foley (GF), Bill VanZandt (BV)

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

Public: Anson Smith, Aaron Simpson (Attorney for Anson Smith)

Absent: Select Board Representative: Stephen Freese (SF)

7:15 PM - TM calls meeting to order

Review the Minutes from August 21, 2023

Motion to approve with amendments: EJ Second: MR

All in favor: unanimous

Review the Minutes from September 16, 2023

Motion to approve: MR Second: EJ

All in favor: unanimous

7:25 PM – Jutila, 406 Canaan Street – Application for Hay Loft Doors

Public Hearing Opened

- Would like to make changes to the new Barn that was Approved in June 26, 2023 meeting. New Application has been submitted which shows new Hay Loft Doors at East façade in lieu of window at second floor of barn.

Public Hearing Closed 7:26 PM

Motion to approve Application: MR Second: TM

All in favor: unanimous

7:27 PM – Anson Smith, 577 Canaan Street – Application for Apartments, Continued

Public Hearing Opened

Mr. Simpson speaks on behalf of Mr. Smith, seeking to modify prior application. He would like to proceed with exterior renovations on the Carriage House and plans to modify the exterior of the building. A new application will be submitted for review at the October 16, 2023 meeting. Intent is to use the materials included in the July 6, 2023 Application.

Excerpts were read from a home inspection report on the deficiencies present in the building itself. A revised Application will be provided for the renovations to the Main House.

Motion to continue hearing at October 16, 2023 Meeting on or about 7:20 PM: Consensus and per Agreement by Mr. Smith

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8:08 PM – Amy St. Pierre, 280 Roberts Road – Application for ground mounted solar

Public Hearing Opened

Public Hearing Closed

Motion to approve Application on the condition that: As the Applicant has previously offered to do, we recommend and would greatly appreciate that the Applicant screen the solar equipment with sufficient year-round shrubs and trees to effectively screen the equipment from public view during the life of the solar equipment.: TM Second: EJ

All in favor: unanimous

8:50 PM – Old Business

1. Geoghegan/Labombard, 561 Canaan Street - Fence
 - Chair to issue letter.
2. Smith, 40 Moss Flower Lane - Fence
 - Selectboard Representative and Town Administrator to communicate with the Smiths.

8:55 PM – Trees on Canaan Street

- TM has assembled a Cover Letter to be mailed to the Canaan Historic District residents with the document prepared by GF. Letters will be mailed by EJ.

9:00 PM – Conversation to continue at next meeting:

- Discussion on whether to modify ordinance to allow chicken wire type fencing, to further define the term “fence”.
- Fire Pits, *Structure*: Anything on or in the ground
- Rules of Procedure

Motion to Adjourn: EJ Second: MR

All in favor: unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Wolcott