

Gilford Historic District and Heritage Commission
Minutes for June 12, 2007 Meeting
Approved on July 10, 2007

1. ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Chairman, Elaine Gagnon; Donna Mooney; Julie McConnell; Richard Waitt; Troy Schrupp and Carmel Lancia (Alternate).

Members Absent: Mary Curtis, Alice Boucher

Others Present: Penny Pitou and Gary Cartier, Cartier Construction. Roger and Sandra Perry.

1. Call meeting to order:

Elaine Gagnon called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Minutes of May 8, 2007. Motion to accept minutes of May 8, 2007 made by Richard Waitt, seconded by Troy Schrupp. Minutes approved.

3. New Business

1. Penny Pitou- 100 Potter Hill Rd. Tax Map & Lot #226-067.000

Applicant proposes to construct an unattached 28' x 32' garage at 100 Potter Hill Rd

Discussion: Mr. Cartier presented renderings for the garage construction. Construction is expected to be started in September 2007, with completion anticipated by the end of November, 2007.

Motion: Motion to approve made by Richard Waitt, seconded by Donna Mooney. Motion approved.

4. Other Business

1. Election of Officers

Discussion: Nomination of Dr. Troy Schrupp as Vice-Chair made by Richard Waitt, seconded by Donna Mooney. Motion carried. Motion to nominate Elaine Gagnon as Chair to serve for one more year made by Richard Waitt, seconded by Donna Mooney. Motion carried. Motion to nominate Julie McConnell as Secretary for a one year period made by Richard Waitt, seconded by Donna Mooney. Motion carried.

2. Classification of Historic Value for the Milo Bacon house

Discussion: Sandra Perry shared some of the family history of the house. The property had been part of Dr. Munsey's property that went back to the 1800's. The house was built in 1906. Milo Bacon purchased the property in 1941.

Timeline: In the interim, the house will become a summer place, with renovation work to be completed over the next 2-3 years. The house has been determined to be structurally solid, but the house is dated and will need to be updated. Elaine Gagnon indicated concern about updating the house once it is moved to be historic in terms of exterior architectural features. The house will probably sit for about a year on the lot across the street before renovations are started. It will be placed on a full foundation when moved. Jack Lyman is doing the site work. Guy Miller will be doing the foundation. The siding will be replaced eventually.

Motion: to declare that the Milo Bacon property, being over 100 year old, is of sufficient historic and cultural value, to the Town of Gilford to be declared historic by the Gilford Historic District and Heritage Commission (based on RSA 227- C:1, VI: "Historic Property"). A further requirement is that the house will be placed on a permanent foundation, and the Perry's agree to come back before the GHD&HC within a year's time frame to update the Commission on the plans for renovating the property. Motion made by Richard Waitt, seconded by Troy Schrupp. Motion approved.

3. **Gilford Community Church:** Richard Waitt provided information to update the Commission members on the current status of expansion plans for the Gilford Community Church. The church will be expanded from current capacity of about 190 to over 350-400 people in the future. Architectural designs are being prepared. The expansion plans include the addition of a gym to be incorporated into the church design. A donation of \$3.5 million from a community member will be used to complete the project.

There are questions and concerns regarding the historic value and future of the adjacent buildings on the property, the Parsonage and the Laura Weeks Hall.

5. **Old Business**

CONTINUED WORK SESSION TO REVIEW AND CLARIFY GILFORD HISTORIC DISTRICT AND HERITAGE COMMISSION GUIDELINES

Discussion: Julie McConnell reported on the status of the current draft guidelines with revisions. The draft guidelines were sent to Emily Paulus at the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources for review and comment. Julie sent another e-mail today, but has not yet heard back from the Division of Historical Resources.

Adjournment:

Motion made by Donna Mooney, seconded by Richard Waitt to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie McConnell
Secretary

