

Approved on November 13, 2007
Gilford Historic District & Heritage Commission
Gilford Town Hall – Basement Conference Room
7:00 P.M.
Minutes for October 9, 2007 Meeting

Attendance:

Members present: Elaine Gagnon, Chair; Selectmen's Representative, Alice Boucher; Julie McConnell, Secretary and Carmel Lancia, Alternate.

Members Absent: Troy Schrupp, Vice-Chair; Richard Waitt, Planning Board Representative; Donna Mooney and Mary Curtis.

Others Present: Peter Sawyer; Linda Livingston, Lisa Davidson and Penny Pitou.

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. Carmel Lancia, Alternate member, appointed by Chair Elaine Gagnon to serve in place of Richard Waitt.

2. **Minutes of September 11, 2007.** Motion to approve the minutes of September 11, 2007 made by Carmel Lancia, seconded by Elaine Gagnon. Alice Boucher abstained because she was not at the September 11th meeting. Minutes approved.

3. **New Business**

E. Gagnon introduced the first case.

1. **Peter Sawyer**

Applicant is proposing to replace a tree, remove stumps, replace siding on barn and paint trim located at 16 Potter Hill Rd. TM&L #226-062.000.

Tabled from the September 11, 2007 meeting.

Discussion: Applicant provided a picture of the barn to be re-sided. Applicant will remove stumps, re-plant removed tree with a blue spruce tree, and will replace siding on barn, color to be white vinyl siding and trim to match existing vinyl siding. Applicant hopes to have the project completed by early summer, 2008.

Motion:

Motion to approve application made by Alice Boucher, seconded by Carmel Lancia. Application approved, with request that applicant provide photographs of completed project.

E. Gagnon introduced the next case.

2. **Linda Livingston**

Applicant proposes to replace landscaping in the front yard located at 73 Schoolhouse Hill Rd. TM&L #226-024.000.

Discussion: E. Gagnon explained the requirements of living in the Gilford Historic District to the applicant. Applicant did not realize prior approval was required from the Gilford Historic District and Heritage Commission before doing landscaping work. Applicant is requesting approval for completed landscaping renovations. Applicant replaced old flowerbed with new heirloom-type flowers. Two cedar trees on either side of front door were replaced with flowerbeds. Tree stumps were completely ground out.

Motion:

Motion to approve application made by Carmel Lancia, with amendment that existing requirement to replace removed trees with like kind trees be waived because the original shrub/trees were too close to the house and were causing rot and mildew on the clapboards. Motion seconded by Alice Boucher, motion approved.

E. Gagnon introduced the next case.

3. **Penny Pitou**

Applicant proposes to take down a split rail fence and clean up small wooded lot located at 100 Potter Hill Rd. on T M&L #226-067.000.

Discussion: Applicant is requesting permission to remove old split rail fence that is in dis-repair, and to remove two dead trees along the wall for the purpose of enhancing the forest area. The intent is to bring it back with hardwood trees as part of a management plan to improve the area, and to maintain health of remaining trees. Work to be completed this fall, depending on availability of contractor.

Motion:

Motion to approve application made by Alice Boucher, seconded by Carmel Lancia. Motion approved.

Other Business:

1. Carmel Lancia announced that the Laconia Historical Museum and the Thompson Ames Historical Society will be co-hosting a lecture by restoration carpenter/painter John Thompson as he presents "Historic Paints and Finishes: Original Recipes, Modern Alternatives" on Monday, October 15 at 7PM at the Laconia Public Library.

Old Business:

1. A letter dated September 28, 2007 was received from Stewart Associates, Architects on behalf of the Gilford Community Church, requesting that application be tabled until the November meeting.

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

J. McConnell summarized the work session held last week with Liz Hengen, Historic Consultant, to review revisions to the Gilford Historic District Guidelines.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Alice Boucher, seconded by Carmel Lancia. Motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie McConnell
Secretary