

**Gilford Historic District & Heritage Commission
Gilford Town Hall – Basement Conference Room
7:00 P.M.**

Minutes for November 13, 2007 Meeting

Attendance:

Members present: Elaine Gagnon, Chair; Selectmen's Representative, Alice Boucher; Troy Schrupp, Vice-Chair; Richard Waitt, Planning Board Representative; Donna Mooney and Mary Curtis and Carmel Lancia, Alternate.

Members Absent: Julie McConnell, Secretary.

Others Present: RJ Ilg, representing Randy Kwist.

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

2. **Minutes of October 9, 2007.** Motion to approve the minutes of October 9, 2007 made by A. Boucher, seconded by D. Mooney. Minutes approved.

3. **New Business**

E. Gagnon introduced the first case.

1. **Mary Jane and Randy Kwist**

Applicants are proposing to replace landscaping in the front of the house, remove existing sun room and add +/- 670 square foot family room and interior renovations located at 66 Schoolhouse Hill Rd. TM&L# 226-107.000

Discussion: Mary Jane presented first and stated several existing shrubs were damaged in recent renovations and that due to proximity to the road and they were overgrown in nature. As a whole they would like to remove existing greenery and grade front area before planting with more salt tolerant species.

Motion made by A. Boucher to accept and approve application, seconded by R. Waitt. Motion carried with all in favor.

Discussion: RJ Ilg presented of applicant and states they were planning on removing the existing sunroom on the back of the house and replace it with an addition of 28' x 24' family space on same line and angles as existing house and barn to maintain sight lines and historic right angles. Proposal would use wood like clap board (cement board) and windows with aztec trim and corners.

Motion made by A. Boucher to table the discussion until better plans can be obtained from

builder. Seconded by D. Mooney.

Discussion on the motion until 8:25 pm.

Motion to approve the application made by A. Boucher, seconded by R. Waitt. Application approved, with request that applicant provide photographs of completed project. Motion carried with all in favor.

E. Gagnon introduced the next case. She appointed Carmel Lancia to act in place of Troy Schrupp.

2. **Troy Schrupp**

Applicant proposes to replace stairway on north side of deck (Bacon Drive side) with smaller stairs. Remove planters on sides of deck located at 60 Belknap Mountain Rd. TM&L #226-091.000

Discussion:

Troy Schrupp presented his request. He explained he is replacing a non-historic stairway to a deck on the north (Bacon Drive) side of the home.

Motion to approve application made by A. Boucher, seconded by D. Mooney, to replace stairway as proposed and request the applicant provide photographs of completed project. Motion carried with all in favor.

E. Gagnon introduced the next case. R. Waitt and Mary Curtis recused themselves from discussion due to conflict of interest. E. Gagnon named Carmel Lancia to replace R. Waitt.

3. **Gilford Community Church**

Applicant is proposing a 4800 SF addition to the existing Sanctuary and construction of a 10,600 SF Community Center located at 19 Potter Hill Rd. TM&L #226-079.000.

Tabled from the October 9, 2007 meeting

Discussion:

S. Nix, Walt Flynn, agents representing the application and Peter Stewart, architect for application presented the proposal. They discussed moving the parsonage to the location of Weeks Hall (which will be razed). An addition that was made to the Parsonage in the rear has left the structure near 50% as new or non-historic. The back of the building in the new location will take on role of storage building/garage with a new foundation. Also proposed are the possibilities of removal to another site in the Village owned by a family or interested 3rd party. A. Boucher questioned the recent move of the Milo Bacon house and similar issues with the cost for new use. Mr. Nix stated costs are different from proposed new use because it will not be used as a residence as is the Milo Bacon house. C. Lancia questioned title for weeks house and its use pursuant to it. S. Nix stated that releases would be obtained from lien holders to allow for destruction. The Weeks Hall is too tall to move to a new location in an economically feasible way and in terms of its construction, it is a stick frame structure not post and beam thus lowering its historic significance. D. Mooney spoke to the community needing better justification for its destruction. Walt Flynn pointed out that this building (according to Adain Mulligan) was built

in 1938-39 and is not as old as people may have believed. E. Gagnon states she feels strongly that the importance of preserving what elements of historical architecture which still remain in the Village stay there. M. Curtis as member of the public,questioned if there was really any question if this building was older than 1938-1939. E. Gagnon asked about the relevance of a site visit to view these 2 properties. P. Stewart reviewed site plan with a 3D presentation.

Motion was made for an on-site walk through the Weeks building for Thursday November 15, 2007 at 8:30 a.m. by A. Boucher, seconded by D. Mooney. Motion carried with all in favor.

Motion made by A. Boucher, seconded by D. Mooney to table the Church application until Monday November 26, 2007 at 8:30 a.m. Motion carried with all in favor.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by _____, seconded by _____. Motion approved. The meeting adjourned at _____ P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Temporary Scribe