

**GILFORD HISTORIC DISTRICT & HERITAGE COMMISSION
GILFORD TOWN HALL
AUGUST 21, 2008 -7:00 P.M.
MEETING ROOM A
WORK SESSION**

Members Present: Troy Schrupp, Chair; Julie McConnell, Secretary; Richard Waitt; Carmel Lancia; Gus Benavides; Mary Curtis (at 8:15 PM)

Staff: John Ayer, Planning Director

Call To Order: Meeting called to order by the Chair at 7:15 PM

Review of proposed Gilford Historic District Commission Guidelines

New Construction

Discussion of language under the new construction section.

Windows and Doors – Importance of being sensitive to balancing the interests of preserving architectural features and materials with the costs of renovation, new construction materials such as vinyl.

* add language in general - Possibility of requesting home owners to consult with historical or architectural consultants when making selections about new construction, design or renovations.

* John Ayer suggested codifying the document guidelines with numeric references

Color – Reference painting guidelines developed for Town of Hollis.

Landscaping – Reference ordinance; revise language.

Signage – Change “guidelines” to “regulations”, and reference ordinance article.

Stone Walls and Boundaries – Reference state law that governs removal of stone walls; fine-tune language to allow for GHDC discretion regarding moving or removal of a stone wall.

Streetscape – Rewrite this section – language of maintaining openness, sense of rural feel, what makes it different.

Julie McConnell raised the issue of how to treat solar panels, wind mills/turbines in light of the energy crisis – we should consider how to handle this in the guidelines.

Motion to adjourn made by Gus Benavides, seconded by Carmel Lancia. Meeting adjourned at 8:43 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie McConnell, Secretary