

GILFORD HISTORIC DISTRICT AND HERITAGE COMMISSION
January 13, 2009
7:00 p.m.
Conference Room A
Work Session
MEETING MINUTES

At 7:05 p.m. Chairman Schrupp called the meeting to order. Members present included Troy Schrupp, Chair; Dick Waitt, Vice Chair; Gus Benavides, Selectmen's Representative; and Carmel Lancia and Mary Curtis, Regular Members. Members not present included Julianne McConnell, Secretary. Also present was Director of Planning and Land Use John Ayer.

Minutes – Motion by G. Benavides, second by D. Waitt, to approve the minutes of December 9, 2008. All were in favor.

M. Curtis asked regarding a proposal her mother, Sara Allen, had for property located at the corner of Gilford Avenue and Schoolhouse Hill Road (Tax Map and Lot #226-103.000). Ms. Allen was considering to not cut down the trees that she had previously considered cutting down. M. Curtis asked commissioners if there would be any problem with this change. T. Schrupp said there would not be a problem.

Work Session on HDC Guidelines – T. Schrupp said that he checked at Gilford Home Center and they do not carry the Pratt and Lambert Color Guide to Historic Homes. J. Ayer said Lowes says the publication is out of print. T. Schrupp said the commission could use a generic publication name and have that publication on file at DPLU. Discussion ensued regarding the paint color guide.

C. Lancia asked if a white house can be painted a different color. Discussion ensued and it was suggested that it may be able to if the color were one that was on the color guide's list of acceptable paint colors.

J. Ayer printed off the Sherwin Williams Victorian and Colonial paint colors from Sherwin Williams' website at G. Benavides' suggestion. The commission reviewed the colors and how to incorporate this or another document as a color guide.

M. Curtis said one approach would be to lead the applicants in a direction and suggest colors from the commission's list of acceptable historical colors. The commission discussed how to do this and what documents to use as a color guide.

Commissioners discussed holding a public hearing at the next meeting. M. Curtis suggested that a final version of the guidelines be prepared for final review and approval before a public hearing is scheduled. The matter was discussed briefly. J. Ayer said he would be in touch with the Chair to discuss a review of final documents and to work out a hearing date.

Motion made by D. Waitt, seconded by G. Benavides, to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

John B. Ayer, AICP
Director of Planning and Land Use