

**Gilford Historic District & Heritage Commission
Gilford Town Hall
7:00 P.M.
Minutes for April 14, 2009**

Attendance

Members present: Chair, Troy Schrupp; Vice-Chair, Richard Waitt; Secretary, Julie McConnell; Selectmen's Representative, Gus Benavides (at 8:25), Carmel Lancia, Carole Hopper (Alternate) and Mary Curtis.

Members Absent:

Staff: John Ayer, Planning Director

Others Present: Anthony Ferullo, Chair, Board of Trustees; Paul Stewart, Stewart Property Management; Doris McAfee, Gilford Village Knolls, Board of Trustees

1. Call to Order. T. Schrupp called the meeting called to order at 7:04 PM.
A quorum was established.

2. Minutes of January 13, 2009. Motion to accept the Minutes of January 13, 2009 made by Richard Waitt, seconded by Mary Curtis. Motion carried with all in favor.

3. New Business -

1. Gilford Village Knolls

Applicant proposes to remove oak trees and replace with pear trees located at 15 Bacon Drive, Tax Map & Lot #226-089.000.

Discussion: Applicant explained the safety issues related to the four oak trees being proposed for removal, with the hazard of falling acorns and tree limbs. Applicant is proposing to replace the trees with four Bradford Pear trees, which can grow to 25'. Applicant is planning to initiate the work this spring.

Motion made by Richard Waitt, seconded by Carmel Lancia. Motion carried with all in favor.

4. Old Business

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

Discussion: John Ayer indicated that a public hearing could be scheduled at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission on May 12th at the Gilford Public Library. The Commission members reviewed the final edits to the proposed guidelines, and John indicated that he had incorporated the suggestions made by Julie McConnell. Carmel suggested that a

letter be mailed to residents within the District to notify them of the purpose of the GHD&HC, and to notify them of the Public Hearing regarding the proposed guidelines. John will prepare a mailing to go out to GHD&HC residents.

There was additional discussion regarding the section that references selection of paint colors on page 3. John provided several sample paint color charts from Sherwin Williams, Benjamin Moore and California paints. Julie McConnell suggested that the Town purchase a copy of “The Old-House Journal Guide to Restoration” as a reference document for residents. The guidelines will reference three different commercial historic paint sample guides for reference; Benjamin Moore, Sherwin Williams, Pratt and Lambert. Color selection will still need to be approved by the GHD&HC. John will also add a reference to stain as an option. There was also discussion about how to clarify the reference to paint sheen in selecting colors. John will add language indicating a preference for eggshell type finish on exterior paint applications.

2. Enforcement Issues: There was general discussion about enforcement issues related to zoning regulations and HD Guidelines within the District. John Ayer has raised the Commission’s questions with the Building Code Enforcement Officer and the Town’s attorney.

5. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Gus Benavides, seconded by Richard Waitt, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie McConnell, Secretary