

**Gilford Historic District & Heritage Commission
Gilford Town Hall
Conference Room A
7:00 P.M.
Minutes for June 8, 2010**

Attendance

Members present: Chair, Troy Schrupp; Planning Board Representative, Richard Sonia; Selectmen's Representative, John O'Brien, Mary Curtis and Carole Hopper.

Members Absent:

Staff: John Ayer, Planning Director.

Others Present:

1. Call to Order. Chairman Schrupp called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. A quorum was established.

2. Minutes of May 11, 2010. Motion to accept the minutes of May 11, 2010, made by J. O'Brien, seconded by C. Hopper. Motion carried with M. Curtis abstaining.

2.5 Election of Secretary The Commission decided to postpone the election of the Secretary.

3. New Business –

Chairman Schrupp introduced the first application.

- 1. David Crane-Public Service of New Hampshire-**
Discussion regarding trimming and removal of trees and brush adjacent and near power lines.

Discussion:

David Crane, arborist for PSNH, explained that about 80% of the Town of Gilford is subject to tree trimming including the Historic District and designated Scenic Roads. He explained they plan to trim branches that are 4" in size 8' feet to the side, 15' over power lines and also under lines. He said it has been 5 years since the last trimming and that they will discuss the trimming with the homeowners prior to cutting. If the homeowners are not home they will leave written notice in order to get consent. He explained Asplundh will be doing the work.

J. O'Brien asked about leaving wood for the abutting landowner. D. Crane explained they will leave it on the property unless landowner asks for it to be taken away. M. Curtis asked if they must replace trees.

Discussion ensued about Article 35 of the Town Regulations. It was determined they should not apply, it is PSNH maintenance. J. O'Brien noted how trimmed lines make power lines and

poles more visible. More discussion ensued about removal and replacement of trees. There would be more visible impact in the Village where there are fewer trees. Further discussion ensued about removal and replacement of trees. D. Crane said he would have to get authorization to pay for tree replacement.

Motion made by J. O'Brien to approve power line trimming but would appreciate replacing trees that would affect appearance of properties in the Historic District. Motion seconded by R. Sonia.

Discussion on the motion:

Motion was amended to clarify to replace trees with low-growing trees if a live tree over 5" diameter at breast height in developed area is removed. J. O'Brien accepted amended motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

2. Herb Greene, Director of Gilford Parks & Recreation Dept.

Discussion regarding installation of sign for the Gilford Village

Field.

Discussion:

Herb Green presented proposal. He explained when teams from out of town or people providing services come looking for the field they often miss it. He presented the actual sign to the Commission. He proposed mounting the sign to wooden posts. He discussed other existing governmental signs in the area and the location of the proposed sign will be next to the granite posts at the existing gate and it will site parallel to the road. The top of the sign is 6' high.

Discussion ensued about lettering for the sign. It was decided there is no need for a motion.

Kirk Dougal, 41 Potter Hill Rd. Appeared before the Commission to discuss sign at the intersection of Potter Hill Rd. and Belknap Mountain Rd. He said you cannot see through the sign.

The Commission recommended that this issue be reviewed with Sheldon Morgan and then the Board of Selectmen if he is not satisfied.

The Commission discussed the next application.

3. Dawn & James Tinsley

Conceptual discussion regarding changing the exterior color from blue to white vinyl of the house on Tax Map & Lot # 226-072.000 located at 131 Potter Hill Rd.

Discussion:

J. Ayer explained the situation. The Commission had no major objections and will allow the applicants to continue with the residing and they should apply for the July meeting. The application should include pictures of the completed work.

4. Other Business:

M. Curtis asked about the Commission helping with Heritage Days. The Commission declined the invitation as Board members due to the possible liability to the town.

5. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by R. Sonia, seconded by J. O'Brien. Motion carried with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary.
John B. Ayer