

**Gilford Historic District & Heritage Commission
Gilford Town Hall
Conference Room A
7:00 P.M.
Minutes for August 10, 2010**

Attendance

Members present: Chair, Troy Schrupp; Planning Board Representative, Richard Sonia (by speaker phone) Selectmen's Representative, John O'Brien, Mary Curtis.

Members Absent: Carole Hopper.

Staff: John Ayer, Planning Director.

Others Present: Hayden McLaughlin.

1. Call to Order. Chairman Schrupp called the meeting to order at 7:20 +/- PM.
A quorum was established.

2. Minutes of May 11, 2010. Not approved.

3. New Business –

Chairman Schrupp recused himself the first application. Vice Chair R. Sonia introduced the first application.

1. Hayden McLaughlin

Applicant proposes to remove two (2) dead trees and replace with two (2) new trees on Tax Map & Lot #226-092.000 located at 40 Belknap Mountain Rd. File #2010000299.

Discussion:

H. McLaughlin discussed removing a birch tree and sugar maple tree. The birch tree is to be replaced by a ginko tree or horse chestnut tree. The sugar maple will be removed at a later date but it will be replaced by another sugar maple. (R. Sonia asked if they were to be replaced).

J. Ayer confirmed the trees. M. Curtis asked other Commissioners if they were ok with a ginko tree. H. McLaughlin explained that it is native to Japan has a very interesting look, and the City of Laconia has some in their landscaping. He noted it is 100 feet off the road and may not be visible from the road.

Motion made by J. O'Brien to approve. Motion seconded by M. Curtis. Motion carried with all in favor.

2. Charles Hildreth

Applicant proposes to remove a dead tree and replace with a new tree on Tax Map & Lot #226-085.000 located at 40 Belknap Mountain Rd. File #2010000300.

Discussion: H. McLaughlin represented this application. Mr. Hildreth has a dying maple tree. The tree is on the Elementary School side of the house and is dome 40 feet off the road. They would like to replace the red maple with a red oak from the other side of the Hildreth property. J. O'Brien asked if the red oak would also have to be replaced. H. McLaughlin said it is 150 feet off the road and not very visible, so he didn't think it would need to be replaced. The Commission agreed.

Motion made by J. O'Brien to approve. Motion seconded by M. Curtis. Motion carried with all in favor.

4. Other Business: Election of Secretary- no discussion.

5. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by J. O'Brien, seconded by M. Curtis. Motion carried with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

John B. Ayer
Director of Planning & Land Use