

**Gilford Historic District & Heritage Commission
Gilford Town Hall
Conference Room A
7:00 P.M.
Minutes for December 14, 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: Jeff Crowell.

1. Call to Order/Confirmation of Quorum. Chairman Schrupp called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. A quorum was established.

2. Minutes of August 10, 2010. Motion made by J. O'Brien, seconded by C. Hopper to approve the minutes from August 10, 2010. Motion carried with all in favor.

3. New Business –

Chairman Schrupp introduced the application.

1. Jeffrey R. Crowell

Applicant proposes to install solar panels on south roof of barn on Tax Map & Lot #226-030.000 located at 19 Schoolhouse Hill Rd.
File #2010000490.

Discussion: Jeffrey Crowell proposes placing photovoltaic panels on the south side of his barn. He explained a consultant advised him the south side was the best side and has good exposure. It will be a 5,000 system. He said he is seeking a tax rebate from the federal governments.

T. Schrupp asked what it look like. J. Crowell said it is black. J. O'Brien asked what it will look like from the road and how visible it will be. T. Schrupp asked if it will track the sun and J. Crowell said no.

Discussion ensued about the proposal. J. Ayer noted it might be more visible on the north side of the roof. Discussion ensued about program briefly.

T. Schrupp asked will there be conduit visible and J. Crowell said no it will go directly to the barn and underground.

M. Curtis asked if the panels will cover 11' down from the peak and if it 5' +/- feet in the center of the roof.

J. O'Brien asked if it is separate panels and J. Crowell said no it will be one solid fixture.

M. Curtis made a motion and discussed waiving Section 3.4 & 7.4 based on 2.1 A-E as follows:

A. Not likely to.

B. Reduce the use of power & generate excess.

C. Reduce power, demanding higher aesthetic standard.

D.

E. Not detrimental-scenic value impacted, not significant contrast, well designed.

More aesthetic and streamlined. Smaller, darkest black in the industry-no blue roof.

Seconded by C. Hopper.

Discussion on the motion.

J. Ayer doesn't want to throw out the guidelines. T. Schrupp said being back farther helps. J. Crowell said it might be more visible back that far. J. O'Brien said they should be prepared for other, less pleasing aesthetically proposals. Cheaper, more obstructive, less symmetrically placed, closer to the road, more visible. If everyone were to do it this way, OK but not everyone will.

Motion carried with all in favor.

4. Other Business:

1. Election of Secretary-No nominations for Secretary.

T. Schrupp said he would take regular member position, if someone else was Chair.

2. Approval of the 2011 Meeting Schedule- Motion made by J. O'Brien, seconded by R. Sonia, to approve the 2011 meeting schedule as presented. Motion carried with all in favor.

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 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

John B. Ayer
Director of Planning & Land Use