



Town of Kingston, New Hampshire
Historic District Commission
Minutes of Meeting
July 10, 2012 –7:08PM

Present: Judy Rubin, Charlotte Boutin, John Flanders, Glenn Coppelman (Planning Board Representative), George Korn (Board of Selectmen Representative), Stanley Shalett (Non-voting Alternate)

Absent: Virginia Morse, Ralph Murphy

Minutes: Minutes from the June 12, 2012. John Flanders made a motion to accept the June Minutes. Charlotte Boutin 2nd the Motion. All in Favor. No Opposed. Motion to accept June Minutes carried.

Board Updates:

Planning Board and CIP Representative, Glenn Coppelman: Glenn said that the Planning Board is continuing to work with the Diamond Oakes Golf Club proposal of building condominiums and working with Wicked Cas regarding the noise being generated from their business. The Planning Board is working on updating the Master Plan and will be focusing on the Transportation Chapter this year. CIP is moving forward and the committee will be meeting mid August.

Board of Selectmen, George Korn: no updates

New Business:

Doug Canney and Skip Clark were in attendance of the meeting to present information in support of their application to replace an existing sign at the Clark's Garage. The new sign will be attached to the existing sign at Clark's Garage. The gentlemen provided pictures and information regarding the proposed signs. The gentlemen stated that there was a sign there years ago for Sarge's Village Auto that was allowed by the town and that this sign will be placed in the same location as the previous sign. The HDC discussed that the original application included the word "sales" but was denied by the Planning Board. The application before the HDC has been amended to have "sales" omitted. The gentlemen stated that their sign will not be illuminated. Glenn Coppelman made a motion to accept the application with the condition that the sign will not refer to "sales" but only "service". John Flanders 2nd the motion. Stanley Shalett asked how large the lettering would be on the sign. Doug Canney stated that they would be significantly smaller than the Clark's existing sign because the sign itself is significantly smaller than the Clark's sign. Glenn noted that the sign ordinance states that the address number is required but the street name is not required. Charlotte Boutin suggested that the address be added to the bottom of the sign so that the phone number is prominent. The HDC agreed that is not a requirement of the approval. Glenn Coppelman asked if the lettering would be similar to the existing Clark's sign. Glenn Coppelman amended his motion to include that the lettering on the sign be similar to the existing Clark's sign. All in Favor. No Opposed. Motion Carried.

Correspondence: Judy Rubin stated that Virginia received a letter from the Kingston Country Store regarding an application for a new sign. The application has not been submitted at this time and that they plan to come before the HDC at a later date.

The Planning Board is looking into adding a Historical Resource Chapter to the Master Plan.

Judy asked the HDC for volunteers on this project. Glenn Coppelman stated that it will entail some research and writing.

Judy Rubin read a letter from Leslie, stating that Museum Committee and the Trustees met with the Board of Selectmen. She stated that the Board of Selectmen supports the formation of a joint task force between the Trustees and the Museum Committee. There was a task force meeting scheduled for later that week. (Leslie arrived at the meeting.) Leslie reiterated the information that she had written in her email. She added that she would like to have lots of people attend the meeting on Thursday to support the task force. Judy and Leslie discussed the excessive amounts of historical artifacts available in the town and reiterated the need for having a safe place for them to be stored and accessible to the community.

Public Comment: none

Old Business: none

New Business:

Senator Russell Prescott presented information in support of his application for renovations to his property, the Grist Mill. The Senator presented information on roofing materials and a detailed plan along with pictures showing the planned renovations. The Senator plans to remove 2 chimneys and add an exterior chimney, removing a bump out, adding windows, changing the lines of the front of the house. The HDC members reviewed the plans in great detail. The changes include the following: removal of a center chimney, adding an external chimney, the chimney will displace 2 windows that will be moved to either side of the chimney, the removal of a shed, the softening of the front line of the house surrounding the existing screened porch, the addition of windows to this front area, the addition of clapboards to the exterior instead of vinyl siding which will be painted or stained, the addition of steel shingles to the roof. Judy stated that she would like to see a sample of the steel shingles. Stanley Shalett stated that he would like to see the property. The HDC discussed the options of approving the application, time constraints and satisfying the requests of the HDC members. The HDC members discussed the need for approval for items that are routine and are not privy to the approval of the HDC. The HDC came to the decision that the work for the foundation does not fall under the jurisdiction of the HDC. The HDC would like to conduct a site review for the remainder of the work and review the application in August along with the roofing samples. Senator Prescott will be added to the August 14th agenda at 7:30.

Next Meeting is scheduled for August 14th, 2012.

A motion was made by John Flanders to adjourn at 8:35 P.M.

Charlotte Boutin 2nd the motion. All in Favor. No Opposed. Meeting Adjourned.