

HISTORIC DISTRICTS COMMISSION
MINUTES
September 4, 2008

Present: Linda Hawes, Carole Wolfe, Lee Swanson

Case No. 08-12: 181 Dutton Road; Gary & Dorothea Christellis

The applicants will replace the rear screened porch with a family room, connected to the house with a breezeway. Except for one new raised roofline the structure will not be very visible from the road. It will be painted white, the existing color of the house. Shutters on the front of the house are painted black. The Commission members unanimously approved. Mr. Christellis also discussed the trees around the house that were damaged or diseased, and the Commission gave approval to remove them if necessary. He will receive a Certificate of Appropriateness for the aforementioned work. After consulting Frank Riepe, another Certificate will be issued for replacement windows and garage doors.

Case No. 08-13: 616 Peakham Road; Andrew Lewis

Mr. Lewis came in for the renovation and painting of his barn. He will repair the siding, as needed, with wooden clapboards; remove and replace the roof with a "woodscape" shingle (similar to the Grange), contingent upon Frank's input; replace fallen gutters; remove a door on the left side and install a 6 over 6 wood window; and paint the barn red. The barn door will be replaced, and it was suggested that it be made somewhat smaller. The Commission members voted to approve, contingent upon Frank's input on the barn door and roofing.

Case No. 08-4 (con't): 62 Concord Road; Robert Haworth

Bud Haworth and Mike Dimodica returned with alternate plans for a septic system, which, they explained, will be necessary to place in front of the house instead of in the rear as originally planned. The house will be repositioned to accommodate the site of the system, and the land will be landscaped, using plantings and stone walls, so there will appear to be a gradual incline from the street to the house. Abutters of 62 Concord Road attended the meeting and generally approved of the plans, except for the driveway area which will be very near the next house. While approving the above plans, the Commission also required evergreen screening by the driveway turnaround. This was approved by the neighbors, and Bud agreed to work with them on this.

Other business:

Linda pointed out that McKinnon's new sign has not been put up, and the old plastic one is still there. Dev will call Jim Kelly about this. {Jim says he spoke to the owner a short time ago about the sign. The owner said he could not afford a wooden sign, as was approved. Jim will tell him again to either get the wood sign up or return to the HDC.}

Carole will talk with Andrea Terkelsen, Treasurer, and then write a proposal to the CPC for designating Historic Districts on tax bills.

Linda will call Lynn MacLean, Historical Commission, about replacing the gate at the Old Town entrance to the cemetery.

The sign at the end of Water Row should be repositioned, and someone will have to be found to put in a post. It was suggested either the Highway Department or a L-S student could do it. Linda will look into the high school idea.

The boy scout who put in Historic Districts signs around town for us this summer as part of his Eagle Scout requirement has completed the work and should receive a thank-you letter from the Commission. Linda will supply the text.

Linda will attend the Selectmen's Forum for the HDC on Tuesday, September 16.

The next meeting of the HDC will be on Thursday, September 25.

Submitted by:
Dev Glaser, Recording Secretary