

June 17, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mrs. Boyer, Ms. Gilchrist, Mr. Hollinger, Mrs. Mills, Mr. Smith

ALTERNATES PRESENT: Mrs. White

ALTERNATES ABSENT: Mr. Krinsky

STAFF PRESENT: Mrs. Shade

Mrs. Boyer called the meeting to order at 7:30PM and seated the members.

Consideration of the minutes

MOTION:

To approve the 5/20/13 minutes as written.

By Ms. Gilchrist, seconded by Mr. Hollinger and passed 5-0.

Mrs. Boyer asked the members if they had any other business to add to the agenda. There was none.

Other Business

A. The members looked over the questions which they had listed for the Attorney. Mrs. White thought question #7 regarding strength of wattage installed in outdoor lighting should be removed since that falls under the jurisdiction of the Zoning Commission. Question #6 deals with bright lights coming from inside a house. Mrs. Boyer commented on a house whose interior lights are very bright and visible from the road. She said she spoke with the Building Official who agreed it can be a difficult situation. Mr. Hollinger said he thought questions #1, 3, 4 & 5, are probably the ones they most need to have answered by the Attorney. (List of questions are filed with these minutes.)

B. After some discussion, the commissioners decided on four Mondays in September, any one of which would be good to arrange a meeting with the Attorney; September 2, 9, 23 or 30. It was suggested they invite the Planning and Zoning Commissions. Also, list the meeting with the Attorney on the Town website.

C. The commissioners discussed names for an alternate. Mrs. Boyer will contact them.

D. Wexler gate, 157 Calhoun Street. The members discussed the fact that house numbers are required to be visible from the road. However, the issue here is that the numbers are lighted without approval of the commission and it does not matter whether they are lit by solar or electric power. Ms. Gilchrist agreed that a house number should be visible at night, but these lighted numbers are introducing a new element, they are incongruous and corporate looking. The members thought it a good idea to see how other house numbers in the area are displayed.

MOTION:

To adjourn. By Ms. Gilchrist.

Mrs. Boyer adjourned the meeting at 8:15PM.

FILED SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

Respectfully Submitted,
Martha T. Shade, Clerk

QUESTIONS FOR ATTORNEY

1. Does HDC have the ability to attach a violation to a deed if the applicant has not followed the terms of approval?
2. Can there be an ordinance requiring realtors to inform new buyers that they are in an historic district and give them a brochure?
3. What are some of the limits regarding open-space issues?
4. If someone blatantly violates an approval can we go to court?
5. If a resident has not followed the terms of approval and comes back to the Commission for another C of A, can we refuse it on the basis that the previous one is in violation?
6. Does HDC have any jurisdiction over bright lights coming from inside a house in one of the historic districts?
7. Does HDC have jurisdiction over strength of wattage installed in outdoor lighting, such as, fixtures installed next to doors and in pole lamps?
8. What qualifies as a 'meeting'? Can one member phone the Chairman or another member?