

January 14, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Chute, Ms. Gilchrist, Mr. Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Talbot

ALTERNATES PRESENT: Mrs. Boyer, Mrs. Rives

ALTERNATES ABSENT: Mrs. Mills

STAFF PRESENT: Mrs. Shade

REGULAR MEETING

Ms. Gilchrist called the meeting to order at 7:35PM. She seated the members and seated Alternate Boyer for Mr. Talbot.

Consideration of the Minutes

MOTION: To approve the 12/17/07 minutes as written. By Mr. Chute, seconded by Mrs. Boyer and passed 4-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Canning /119 Calhoun Street /Approve wording for easement.

Mr. Smith re-wrote the resolution previously submitted by Open Space Equity. He did not use the word "resolution" in his statement. Mr. Chute agreed - the Commission does not need to be writing resolutions. It should suffice to have the statement recorded in the minutes. All agreed. Mr. Smith suggested they make a motion to that effect.

MOTION: To include in the minutes, a statement confirming the views of the Commission regarding the Canning easement. By Mrs. Boyer, seconded by Mr. Smith and passed 4-0.

The statement reads as follows:

The Washington Historic District Commission recognizes that the permanent preservation of open space in the Calhoun-Ives Historic District is a crucial part of carrying out its mission: preserving that District's open, rural character. The location and qualities of the undeveloped open field at 119 Calhoun Street make its permanent preservation as an open space in the Calhoun-Ives District a very valuable contribution to the preservation of the open, rural appearance of the District. The Commission also hopes that this act of preservation will inspire others to actively contribute to maintaining the District's character.

Election of Officers for 2008.

The commissioners listed names of several residents as possible new members. They will be contacted, and if they are interested in serving on the Commission, their names will be given to the Selectmen.

At this point, the members were not prepared to elect new officers. Ms. Gilchrist agreed to serve as acting Chairman until vacant positions on the Commission are filled.

MOTION: To approve Ms. Gilchrist as acting Chairman until: A) a new member is appointed, and B) until it is determined who will become the new Chair and Vice Chair. By Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Boyer and passed 4-0.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting. By Ms. Gilchrist.

Ms. Gilchrist adjourned the meeting at 8:30PM.

FILED SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

Respectfully Submitted,

Martha T. Shade, Clerk