

**Minutes of the Historic District Commission
Thursday, February 7, 2013
Brookfield Town Hall**

- Call to Order:* The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Jacqueline Salame, Chairperson
- Members Present:* Robert Brown, Vice Chairperson; Kevin Archer; Peter Bertolami; Liz De Lambert; Rosemary Erb-Fawcett; Harold Proudfoot
- Members Absent:* Laura Mancuso
- Public Attendance:* Alice Gish, 4 Hidden Brook Drive, Brookfield

Pre-Hearing opened at 7:05 p.m.

Application 2013-01: Jack and Alice Gish, Gish Realty, 10 Longmeadow Hill Road for the replacement of the front door and garage door with new vinyl doors at said residence.

The replacements were made without filing a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA). A. Gish explained that she wanted energy efficient doors on the house and garage.

Discussion followed: The Commission members explained that the HDC needs a COA when there is a change of material or the replacement of any exterior parts of the buildings. The choice of the front door and garage door are not the best choices of material or style.

The original garage doors were masonite panels believed to be from the 1970s. The style of the old doors had depth to the panels. The replacement doors do not give the same effect of line and shadow as the original doors.

The Commission was clear that the materials on the replacement doors were not those accepted by the Commission in general but each project is decided on a case by case basis. A public hearing would have to be held before any vote can take place.

A.Gish has volunteered to replace the front door. The Commission will offer suggestions on the type door that will look best for the style house.

The Gish's will submit the COA and present the door choice at the Commission at the March meeting.

The Pre-hearing was closed at 8:08 p.m. No vote on door replacement until March meeting.

Business Meeting opened at 8:08 p.m.:

J. Salame read a public comment letter by Nelson and Marge Malwitz of Newbury Village regarding 857 Federal Road luxury apartments that was presented to the Zoning Commission.

R. Brown moved to approve the December 6, 2012 meeting minutes as submitted. H. Proudfoot seconded; all approved.

Old Business:

Application 2012-05: Roger & Marcia Hermans, 4 Winding Road for the enclosure of the front entry landing.

R. Herman has not submitted any additional information as previously stated. Another COA will be submitted at a later date.

R. Erb-Fawcett motioned to deny the application without prejudice. H. Proudfoot seconded; all approved.

Residents Meeting April 2013 – Overview of the meaning of the value of owning in a historic district will be presented by Mary Dunne from the SHPO and by Greg Farmer, Circuit Rider for the CT Trust. The meeting will be held at the library community room. Invitations will be sent to the Selectmen, Commission Chairs and other Town Officials; to the Historic District Residents and any other residents that are interested in attending. The Event will be advertised in *The Patch*, *The Housatonic Times* and *The News-Times*.

40 & 64 Laurel Hill Road project has received approval from the Zoning Commission. 40 Laurel Hill will be relocated North on the property. The barn and house at 64 still hasn't been placed.

The public hearing will be closed on February 14 for the property at 857 Federal Road (The Barnyard). No approval has been given by the Zoning Commission at this time.

New Business:

Review of Residents letter and HDC guidelines and map – changes were made and the new HDC logo is ready for use on all HDC correspondence. The Property Owners Regulations will be mailed before the end of March.

The 40th Anniversary marketing materials was presented by Peter Bertolami.

J. Salame requested an additional \$1,500 for a total of \$3,550 for HDC 2013 budget. It was also requested that the Town Historian and Cemetery Maintenance line items be removed from the HDC budget. Those two line items are not related to the HDC budget.

L. de Lambert moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.; R. Erb-Fawcett seconded, all approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Brown, Secretary