

**Town of Effingham, New Hampshire
Historic District Commission**

**Public Hearing Minutes
Lord's Hill Historic District
Lord's Hill Fire Station #1
596 Province Lake Road, Effingham
September 10, 2018**

Present: E. Chick (Chair), E. Jones (Assistant Chair), S. Finn (Secretary), J. Meisner (Selectmen's Representative)

Absent: None.

The public hearing was called to order by the Chair at 6:30 p.m.

Members of the public in attendance were: Jason Earle, Randy Burbank, Heidi Foy, Ruth O'Neal, Jim & Lorraine McConnell, Mary Martin, and Mike Cahalane.

The Chair first explained that this was a public hearing required by NH RSA 675:6 IV to be held in the historic district for the purpose of accepting questions and/or comments from the public on the proposed changes to the Historic District Regulations.

- Effingham is unique in that there are two separate historic districts, therefore two public hearings must be held, one in each district.
- The 1st public hearing held in Lord's Hill District at Lord's Hill Fire Station.
- The 2nd public hearing to follow at 7:30 in the Center Effingham District at the Library.

The Chair then explained the process by which the hearings would be conducted would be the same at both hearings. Following the conclusion of the 2nd public hearing, the Commission would then consider any action to be taken; whether to approve the changes, delay the changes, and/or disapprove the changes.

Copies of the proposed Historic District Regulation changes were available for all in attendance. The proposed changes would be reviewed page by page, and questions and/or comments would be taken as each page was reviewed. Once the entire proposed document was reviewed, the 1st hearing would adjourn. Following the review of the proposed changes at the 2nd hearing, the Public Hearing would be closed so that the Commission could consider any actions to be taken.

The Chair reviewed the changes to page 1. The Assistant Chair noted "Effingham" was missing before "Town Zoning Ordinance." There were no additional comments.

The Chair reviewed the changes to page 2. The Assistant Chair noted that the change to "Utility Services" was missing. There were no additional comments.

The Chair reviewed the changes to page 3. H. Foy suggested better clarification of window pane size specific to the building period and existing style. Suggestion noted for next revision. No additional comments.

The Chair reviewed the changes to page 4. The Assistant Chair noted that the word “typical” was missing from the first sentence of the “Chimneys” section. There were no additional comments.

The Chair reviewed the changes to page 5. There were no comments.

The Chair reviewed the changes to page 6. M. Martin noted the text did not read well, suggested inserting ‘and’ instead of a comma after ‘entrance’ on line 2. J. McConnell suggested using ‘typical of the period’ or ‘period appropriate’ to help clarify differences based on age and style of the building.

The Chair reviewed the changes to page 7. There were no comments.

The Chair reviewed the changes to page 8. There were no comments.

The Chair reviewed the changes to page 9. # 39 Appeal – Suggestion to end the statement after Rules of Procedure and place RSA notation in parenthesis, same as in other sections. There were no additional comments.

No further changes were proposed beyond page 9.

Public Comment was closed. The public hearing was adjourned at 7:08 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Finn
Secretary