

Historic District Commission - Draft Minutes

Town of Canterbury, NH
Historic District Commission

Date: 2025 August 20

Location: Meeting House

Members Present: Kevin Bragg (Chair), Alex Young, Calvin Todd (BOS rep), Harry Kinter
Members Absent: Anne Emerson

Others Present: Erin Hammerstedt

1. Call to Order

K. Bragg called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

A quorum was declared with 4 members present.

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the July 16, 2025 meeting were approved as written.

3. Presentation of Applications from Canterbury Shaker Village

Erin Hammerstedt presented three applications for repair and restoration of buildings at Canterbury Shaker Village, 288 Shaker Road.

A. Meeting House Windows

The windows will be removed and restored offsite. They will be reglazed as needed, however, no paint removal or changes will be made to the windows. This is intended to be a true restoration due to the nature of the windows. Contractor Jim Garvin has written the specs and the state has reviewed the plan and provided conditional approval on the restoration.

H. Kinter made a motion to approve the application as written, seconded by A. Young. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

The second action, to waive the public hearing was discussed. The project can be seen by the public, but as a repair and install, it is of a temporary nature. All members in agreement to waive the public hearing.

B. Horse Barn Roof

The roof is actively leaking and is covered by a tarp. The project includes the installation of strapping and replacing the shingles with in kind Alaskan yellow cedar. The cupola and the roof will all be done at the same time.

H. Kinter made a motion to approve the application and to waive the public hearing, seconded by A. Young. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

C. Bee House Roof and renovations

A donor offered to fund the restoration of the Bee House. The roofing will be replaced with asphalt shingles, an in kind match of a restoration done during the museum era.

The renovation will include the cupola on the roof, restoration of windows as necessary and exterior paint. Picket fencing will be removed from where the hive was located. The space is to be used to interpret agricultural history as it is the only agricultural building remaining.

H. Kinter made a motion to approve the application and to waive the public hearing, seconded by A. Young. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

4. Old Business

Update on the Sam Lake Garage: Asphalt roofing will begin during the week of 8/25/2025. The siding repair will be cedar shakes and the front door will be repaired.

5. New / Other Business

H Kinter announced his resignation as he will be moving from Canterbury. This meeting is the last he will attend.

C. Todd reported from the Board of Selectmen that they have been approached by townspeople expressing interest in an information/message board in the center of town. The Board is looking for guidance as to what the HDC might require for size, design, etc. K. Bragg noted the various requirements and suggested the interested parties present a proposal as to what they are considering.

C. Todd also reported the Board received a request for a Land Acknowledgement, a formal statement of appreciation of indigenous peoples as land stewards, by the town. The Board is again looking for guidance as to the appropriate place and type of signage for this proposal. K. Bragg again noted the person requesting this needs to come before the Board with a specific plan.

6. Adjournment of Meeting

With no further business to discuss, K. Bragg moved the meeting adjourn, seconded by C. Todd. The motion was approved and the meeting ended at 8:07 p.m.