

These minutes approved at the October 7, 2004 meeting.

DURHAM HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Thursday, September 2, 2004
Town Council Chambers

Members Present: Crawford Mills, Chair; Roger Jaques, Vice Chair;
Cathy Leach, Secretary; Leslie Schwartz; Karl Van Asselt, Town
Council Rep.; Nicholas Isaak, Planning Board Rep.

I. Meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

II. The minutes of the August 5, 2004 meeting were approved.

III. New Business

A. Discussion of proposed Historic District Overlay: Crawford Mills began discussion by stating that HDC has been asked by the Zoning Rewrite Committee to justify the proposed expansion of the Historic District that was submitted by the previous HDC. Roger Jaques stated that the overlay was originally developed in order to “block franchise architecture” and “protect the approaches to the town.”

After much discussion, the following motions were made:

Nick Isaak made a motion to change the overlay parameter of an entire lot to 250 feet or the full extent of the lot, whichever is smaller. MOTION PASSED, 6-0.

Karl Van Asselt made a motion, seconded by Leslie Schwartz, to recommend that the overlay be extended to include Madbury Road from the Post Office to Route 4. MOTION PASSED, 6-0.

Leslie Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Van Asselt, to recommend that the overlay be extended to include Route 108 to the Newmarket town line. MOTION PASSED, 6-0.

Van Asselt made a motion, seconded by Schwartz, to recommend that the overlay be extended to include the properties on both sides of Pettee Brook Lane (lots 10-0, 1-2, 1-3, 1-17). MOTION PASSED, 5-1.

IV. Old Business

A. Continued discussion on forming a Heritage Commission was tabled.

B. Other business: Mills brought forward information from Dr. Congdon, of 24 Newmarket Rd., that he plans to paint and refurbish his home using the same materials and colors.

Mills presented grant information from the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The HDC decided to apply for a \$2,500 grant to develop an educational handbook offering guidance to homeowners within the Historic District.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, October 7, 2004.