

Historic District Regulations

SECTION 1 - Purpose: Pursuant to RSA 674:46, this ordinance is established for the following purposes:

A - For the preservation of places and structures of architectural value and the heritage of the municipality which reflects its cultural, social, economic, political and architectural history;

B - Conserving property values in such Districts;

C - Promoting the use of the Historic District for the education, pleasure and welfare of the citizens of the municipality.

SECTION 2 - Designated Areas:

A - Beginning with both sides of Nimble Hill Road from the Air Base Line to its junction with Little Bay Road, the area to follow existing property lines of parcels fronting on said road.

B - All land and buildings leased from the State of New Hampshire at Bloody Point.

SECTION 3 - Procedure: All construction, alteration, or demolition of buildings within the Historic District shall require the prior approval of the Historic District Commission. Routine maintenance, such as repainting, is specifically exempted from this requirement.

SECTION 4 - Standards: In reviewing proposed construction, alteration or demolition, the Historic District Commission shall determine the proposal's compatibility with the surrounding area, basing their decision on the following criteria:

A - The special character of the area.

B - The historical or architectural value of the building and its setting.

C - The compatibility of the proposed design, arrangement, texture, and materials with existing buildings and the surrounding area.

D - The general size and scale of new construction in relationship to the existing surroundings, including consideration of such factors as the building's overall height, width, street frontage, setbacks, number of stories, roof type, facade, windows, doorways, and architectural details.