

**2024 Warrant Articles for the First Session of the Annual Town Meeting  
Submitted by the Historic District Commission**

**Article No. 1**

**Amendment:** Amend Article 13.2 by deleting the narrative descriptions of the districts and following the “purpose” descriptions of each district adding the following sentence. “The boundaries of the districts are as set forth on the official Zoning Map of the Town of Canterbury”.

**Article No. 2**

**Amendment:** Amend Article 13.5 (A) to read as follows: “ The Historic District Commission shall conduct a hearing on all applications, unless a waiver of hearing is granted. Waivers shall only be granted when the application is not contrary to the spirit of the Ordinance, does not impact any abutter, and is not visible from a public way. In these instances the Chair of the HDC in consultation with the Select Board Representative may waive the requirement for a public hearing. Before granting a waiver, a complete application must be filed and approved for completeness. The granting of waiver does not relieve the applicant from meeting all other provisions of the Ordinance, but exempts the applicant from the payment of a filing fee and abutter notification requirements. An administrative fee for processing the application may be imposed.”

## **Rationale for Amendments to the HDC Ordinance**

### **Amendment to 13.2**

This amendment clarifies the boundaries of the Center Historic District and the Shaker Historic Overlay District by replacing the current narrative descriptions with reference to the boundaries set forth on the Official Zoning Map of the Town of Canterbury.

### **Amendment to 13.5 (A)**

The amendment would permit a waiver of the current requirement for a public hearing on all applications when the application is not contrary to the spirit of the Ordinance, does not impact any abutter, and is not visible from a public way. In these instances the Chair of the HDC in consultation with the Select Board Representative may waive the requirement for a public hearing. Before granting a waiver, a complete application must be filed and approved for completeness. The granting of waiver does not relieve the applicant from meeting all other provisions of the Ordinance, but exempts the applicant from the payment of a filing fee and abutter notification requirements. An administrative fee for processing the application may be imposed.