

# ROYALSTON HISTORICAL DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING

JANUARY '88

Present: Beth Carrier, D. O'Connor, G. Shackelford, J. Poor,  
A. Bowers, J. Coppock, P. Bundschuh, E. Siegmund

Meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm. Minutes of the October Meeting were read and approved.

## Old Business:

### 1. Trees for the Common

Given that the trees were not planted this fall, the strategy is to plant them later this spring. The question was raised as to whether or not the price would be increased this spring. The answer was no.

### 2. Royalston Historic District Booklet

Patience was unable to get the booklet printed. However she will consider it a priority and make certain that the book is completed by the next time we meet. Patience would give the finalized copy to D. O'Connor who would in turn make 100 copies on blue paper and bring to next meeting.

### 3. It was acknowledged that Ms. Cole's lattice requested has not been located.

## New Business:

### 1. Massachusetts Historical Commission

MHC newsletter announced the 1 Million Dollar matching funds going towards preservation and maintenance of significant historical structures.

### 2. Town Hall Paint

It was discussed and brought up that the Town Hall needs selection of paint for the walls and wainscoting. It was discussed at this meeting that a member of the Arts Council should be involved in the decision of colors (co-sponsorship). It was agreed that Patience would give input into the Selectman regarding this issue.

### 3. Cemetery Surveying

J. Poor brought up the subject of Cemetery Task force to review Royalston cemeteries. There was hesitation on the group's part and who would be involved in this project and what specifically would it entail.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35.

Respectively Submitted,

*Diane M. O'Connor*

Diane M. O'Connor, Secretary

ROYALSTON HISTORICAL DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING

MARCH '88

Present: P. Bundschuh, W. Bundschuh, G. Shackelford, J. Poor, D. O'Connor, W. Newton, J. Coppock, E. Siegmund

Meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00 pm. For the record this meeting was established as a "SPECIAL MEETING" (based on the reasonings to expediate matters and to get rid of John Poor)!

Special Matters of Consideration

Werner Bundschuh presented two Applications For Certificate.

1st Application (#1-88 was assigned)

Home on Frye Road was to have removal of appendages.

1. Removal of sheds

One would be removed to another area and be utilized as a garden shed.

The other shed (8 x 10) would be removed.

2. In addition the removal of a southside sunporch.

Motion Approved & Application For Appropriateness was Granted by the Commission.

2nd Application (#2-88)

Second home on Frye road would have exterior restoration performed.

Motion Approved & Granted by Commission

It was motioned that as a standard Operation Procedure, a majority needs to be present in order to pass a motion.

Minutes from the last meet were tentatively approved by the group.

Old Business:

1. Proposals For the Colors To Be Used In The Town Hall

Color proposal for the Town Hall were prepared by John Burton (chairman of the Arts Council).

There was discussion by the group to consider the possibility of stripping the floors versus painting them (even though it was not authentic but would be practical). Wayne Newton recommended holding off on colors until the ceilings were painted and lights were put in. Group also agreed that more specifics were needed regarding the trim color, specifically where the trim would actually be painted.

The committee at this time was not ready to finalize their inputs.

## 2. Town Common Project

Adhoc Committee is still in the process of trying to put a package together. In order to bring the project to completion, we would need to have matching funds.

The electrical lines from the Historical Society to Humphrey Nash's would be buried. Southern extension is not part of the HDC.

The Town Hall Roof is to be negotiated as part of this matching fund.

Period lighting would be installed and they would be less/different highway signs. Diagonal road markers may not be in the package.

They may be a problem with titles. The town must have clear title to the common. If Royalston gets selected we have until sometime in July to get this title.

John reinforced the need for individual letters to be written to the selectman regarding renovations of the Common.

## 3. Historical District Booklet

Patience presented typesets of booklet.

Layout was changed somewhat to fit on the paper properly.

Typesets were reviewed by entire group at meeting. All additions, changes, deletions, typos corrected at this timeframe.

Sincere gratitude to Patience for her work.

Patience will give booklet to Diane O'Connor once all changes have been made. Diane in turn will make copies.

4. Mrs. Cole's Application For Certificate

It has been acknowledge that Mrs. Cole's AFC has been found and forwarded to John Poor.

5. March Regular Meeting

Please note that no regular meeting will be conducted for the 4th Thursday of this month.

New Business:

1. Street Signes for the town of Royalston.

Examples of signs were reviewed from a catalog that Wayne Newton presented. They would be no signs for the Histroical District Area. No decision was made at this timeframe.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:38.

Respectively Submitted,



Diane M. O'Connor, Secretary

ROYALSTON HISTORICAL DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING

APRIL 19, 1988

"Special Meeting"

Present: P. Bundschuh, G. Shackelford, J. Poor, D. O'Connor, W. Newton, B. Carrier, J. Coppock, A. Bowers

New Business

James Kelley presented an Application For Certificate. The content of this application referred to reshingling of a portion of Mr. Kelly's roof.

Much discussion was based around the color and the patchwork job. Alan Bowers stipulated that Mr. Kelley be advised to replace the color with the color already present or finish the whole project including the Barn and all roofs during the 1988 season with the new patchwork color.

Motion granted and unanimously approved 6 to 1 with the exception of Wayne Newton who was filling in for S. Siegmund. (#4-88)

The Stantons has presented an Application of Certificate for enclosing a fence around their tennis court. It was mentioned that this fence would evidently be covered with vines.

It was agreed that the Commission as a body should go down and view the site to observe if there would be a most suitable area for the position of the tennis court.

The Committee moved to review a Public Hearing (as stated in the By-Laws). Application was rejected due to the fact that there was insufficient information.

A request for an Application of Certificate was presented by the Royalston Historical Society to replace the deck on east side of the historical building.

Motion was unanimously approved by everyone present. (#5-88)

Old Business

.The New Historical District Brochures were brought in by Diane O'Connor. John Poor will take the action to distribute them.

.The Town Hall recessed light is being installed in the doorway.

The Town Hall colors were discussed. The walls would be Antique White, the floor light gray, the auditorium woodwork

would be India Brown, the floors natural and the selectmens room blue.

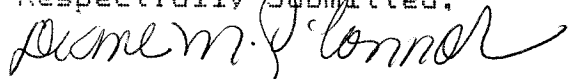
New Business

.There would be a Public Hearing for the Stantons tennis Court. John Poor agreed to get in touch with the Stantons on their availability timeframes.

.This meeting has been deemed as the April regular meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Diane M. O'Connor".

Diane M. O'Connor,  
Secretary

ROYALSTON HISTORICAL DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING

SPECIAL MEETING (MAY 2, 1988)

ATTENDEES: A. BOWERS, J. POOR, D. O'CONNOR, W. NEWTON, B.  
CARRIER, P. BUNDSCHUH, E. SIEGMOND

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:09.

THE COMMITTEE WAS CALLED TOGETHER TO REVIEW APPLICATION OF  
CERTIFICATE #1-88. WERNER BUNDSCHUH REQUESTED THAT A NEW  
ADDITION BE ADDED TO THIS CERTIFICATE. THE ADDITION OF 6  
OVER 6 GLASS WINDOWS (9 X 12) WERE INCORPORATED AS PART OF  
THIS CERTIFICATE.

MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. (PATIENCE AND WAYNE  
ABSTAINED FROM VOTING).

OLD BUSINESS

ALAN BOWERS GAVE THE COMMITTEE AN UPDATE ON THE LIGHT IN THE  
TOWN HALL DOORWAY. IT WAS STATED THAT THE ELECTICIAN ASKED  
TO CONSIDER PUTTING A LAMP VERSUS A CANOPY LIGHTING IN THE  
DOORWAY.

THE SENSE OF THE COMMITTEE IS THAT THE DOORWAY WOULD LOOK  
GOOD WITH RECESSED LIGHTS.

MOVEMENT TO ADJOURN AT 7:38.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED.

*Diane M. O'Connor*  
DIANE M. O'CONNOR, SECRETARY

ROYALSTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION DISTRICT MEETING

MAY 12. 1988

ATTENDEES: W. NEWTON, J. POOR, D. O'CONNOR, G. SHACKELFORD,  
B. CARRIER, J. COPP~~ACK~~, A. BOWERS

MEET WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:21.

SECRETARY READ THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING. MINUTES WERE APPROVED.

NEW BUSINESS

AN APPLICATION OF CERTIFICATE WAS PRESENTED BY THE STANTONS REGARDING INSTALLATION OF THEIR TENNIS COURT AT A NEW LOCATION. THERE WAS A MOTION TO ISSUE A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS TO THE STANTONS. MOTION WAS UNANIMIOUSLY APPROVED. (#6-88)

STEVE SAVOY PRESENTED AN APPLICATION OF CERTIFICATE TO THE COMMITTEE FOR REPLACEMENT OF 2 CASEMENT WINDOWS TO BE REPLACED WITH 3 OVER 3 ORIGINAL WINDOWS THAT WOULD BE MORE IN KEEPING TO THE HOUSE.

MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY TO ISSUE A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS TO THE SAVOY'S. (#7-88)

D. SCHODEK PRESENTED AN APPLICATION OF CERTIFICATE TO THE COMMITTEE FOR AN ADDTION OF A GARAGE TO THE EXISTING HOUSE.

DAN WILL BRING BACK THIS FORM WITH AN ATTACHMENT OF A DETAILED DRAWING. (#8-88).

COMMITTEE WILL MEET IN TWO WEEK. METING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:10.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED.

*Diane M. O'Connor*  
DIANE M. O'CONNOR, SECRETARY

ROYALSTON HISTORICAL DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING

JUNE 2, 1988

ATTENDEES: P. BUNDSCHUH, W. NEWTON, A. BOWERS, G. SHACKELFORD, B. CARRIER, W. KIRKMAN, J. POOR

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:03.

DUE TO THE ABSENCE OF THE SECRETARY, PRIOR MINUTES COULD NOT BE READ AND APPROVED. THE CHAIRMAN ACTED AS SECRETARY FOR THIS MEETING.

NEW BUSINESS

THE APPLICATION FROM MR. & MRS. DAN SCHODEK PERTAINING TO THE FRYE HILL ROAD FORMER JEWETT GREEK REVIVAL HOUSE WAS FORMALLY SUBMITTED AT THIS MEETING AND WAS ACTED UPON. AFTER THREE PEN AND INK CHANGES WERE MADE, A MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED TO GRANT A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS TO THE SCHODEKS. THE VOTE WAS FIVE IN FAVOR AND TWO ABSTAINED (PATIENCE AND WAYNE). NO NUMBER COULD BE ASSIGNED DUE TO THE ABSENCE OF THE SECRETARY. THE SCHODEKS WILL BE NOTIFIED.

OLD BUSINESS

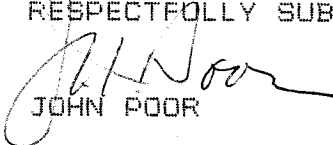
1. THE CHAIRMAN ADVISED THAT THE COMMISSIONS TREE PLANTING PROGRAM HAD BEEN COMPLETED THIS SPRING AND THAT THERE WAS A SIGNIFICANT SUM (ABOUT \$300) REMAINING IN THE PROJECTS APPROPRIATION. NO DETERMINATION WAS MADE ABOUT THE REMAINING SUM.
2. THE CHAIRMAN ASKED WAYNE NEWTON THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE WATER'S PROPERTY, PARTICULARLY THE BARN. WAYNE UNDERSTANDS THE PROPERTY IS STILL FOR SALE. MEANWHILE THE BARN IS DETERIORATING VISIBLY AND SOON WILL BE AN EYESORE.
3. TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP FOR KIRKMAN AND POOR EXPIRE JUNE 30TH. IT WAS ANNOUNCED. THE OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT FORMED A CONSENSUS AND ADVISED THE CHAIRMAN TO NOMINATE KIRKMAN AND POOR TO THE SELECTMAN FOR REAPPOINTMENT, WHICH THE CHAIRMAN AGREED TO DO.
4. THE CHAIRMAN ADVISED THAT HE HAD MADE DISTRIBUTION OF THE NEW RHDC ADVISORY PAMPHLET TO ALL YEAR-ROUND RESIDENTS OF THE DISTRICT AND WOULD PERSONALLY PRESENT COPIES TO THE SUMMER RESIDENTS AS THEY ARRIVED.
5. THE CHAIRMAN RAISED THE SUBJECT OF INVENTORYING CEMETARIES AND ASKED ALAN BOWERS TO LAY OUT FOR THE REST OF THE MEMBERS AT THIS REGULAR JUNE MEETING WHAT CONSTITUTES A PROPER INVENTORY PROCEDURE. THE CHAIRMAN EXPERIENCED A DESIRE TO

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- 1 AT LEAST MAKE A START THIS SUMMER. BETH CARRIER EXPRESSED A STRONG INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING.
6. WAYNE NEWTON ADVISED THE COMMITTEE THAT THE RE-CLAPBOARDING OF THE SCHNETZERS HOUSE WAS BADLY DONE AND MIGHT BE A VIOLATION OF OUR BYLAWS. ALAN BOWERS SUGGESTED THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED IF THERE WAS NO OTHER BUSINESS AND WE ALL GO SEE FOR OURSELVES.

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:00 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED.

  
JOHN POOR

ROYALSTON HISTORICAL DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING

AUGUST 4, 1988

ATTENDEES: W. NEWTON, D. O'CONNOR, J. POOR, A. BOWERS, S.  
~~SIEGMAN, J. COPPAC~~

SIEGMUND COPPOCK

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:08

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING WERE READ AND APPROVED.

NEW BUSINESS

AN APPLICATION ~~OF CERTIFICATE~~ WAS PRESENTED BY JOHN RIX. RIX  
THE PROPOSAL WAS TO RE-ROOF HIS BARN. THE BACKSIDE WOULD NOT  
BE  
VISIBLE FROM THE HISTORICAL DISTRICT. THE ROOFING MATERIAL  
WOULD BE BLACK WITH A CORRUATED BACKING. CORRUGATED FIBER GLASS.  
A DEFINITE DEPARTURE FROM TYPICAL ROOFING MATERIAL FOUND THROUGH  
THE COMMITTEE AT THIS TIME DID NOT MAKE A DECISION. THIS THE DISTRICT.  
TOPIC WOULD BE REVISITED AT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING.  
ACT ON THIS REQUEST UNTIL IT COULD GIVE THE MATTER PROPER  
CONSIDERATION  
IN ADDITION, THE APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE WAS NOT ADEQUATELY  
FILLED OUT. IN PROPER FORM TO BE ACTED ON, CONSEQUENTLY THE 30-DAY  
ACTION PERIOD ~~HAS~~ NOT COMMENCED.

OLD BUSINESS

.THE WATERS PROPERTY IS NOW FORMALLY FOR SALE.

.THERE WAS DISCUSSION REGARDING THE SCHNETZERS  
RE-CLAPBOARDING OF THEIR HOME. SEVERAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS  
PHYSICALLY VIEWED THE CLAPBOARDING PROJECT AND FELT THAT AN  
AMATEUR JOB WAS PERFORMED, WITH POOR APPLICATIONS OF THE BUT NO  
BOARDS. VIOLATION OF DISTRICT BYLAWS PER SE.

.JOHN MENTIONED THAT THERE WAS ~~STILL~~ A SIGNIFICANT LARGE  
AMOUNT OF MONEY ALLOCATED FOR THE "TOWN COMMON PROJECT" ~~FOR~~ FOR  
TREE PLANTING. FINAL APPLICATIONS HAD NOT BEEN SUBMITTED  
AS OF THIS DATE. -> GOOD-SIZED TREES COSTING \$500 EACH.

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:10.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

*Diane M. O'Connor*  
DIANE M. O'CONNOR, SECRETARY

25 August 1988

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. Members not present were H. Shachelford, E. Siegmund and D. O'Connor.

The secretary being absent, minutes of the 4 August meeting could not be read.

New Business: A request from Stephen Schnetzer to change trim color from black to green was approved unanimously with the proviso that such change be limited to shutters and front door. Certificate of Appropriateness #9-88 was assigned.

Old Business

~~Old Business~~ 1. The request from John Rix that was discussed at the prior meeting was formally considered. The roofing material he wants to use - a black asphalt corrugated 5' x 7' sheet, <sup>trade name "ONDULINE"</sup> - was considered to be a departure from the usual barn roofing found within the Historic District or the town generally. However, the assertion by Rix that he would let the barn fall down if he were not allowed to use ~~(trade name "Onduline")~~ Onduline, it being so much cheaper to apply than regular shingles, left no real alternative if the barn were to be saved for posterity. Two rationales were considered as the basis for approving the request to use Onduline:

① The Historic District was established to preserve the Common and its immediate environs, and the boundaries were laid down far beyond the Common in all directions to protect the view ~~from~~ in all directions from the Common itself. The Rix barn is located at the top of Drye Hill at the northernmost District boundary and cannot be seen from the Common.

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(2) A barn allowed to fall down is lost forever, whereas a barn roofed with "inappropriate" material can always be re-roofed with appropriate material at a later date, hopefully. ~~Either way it is a loss~~

The aforesaid rationales being duly considered, a motion was made and seconded to grant a certificate of appropriateness (#10-88) and was unanimously approved.

2. Alan Bowers brought sample and blank cemetery inventory forms to be used to undertake our inventory of Royalston's cemeteries. After some procedural discussions it was decided that a "pilot" inventory of the Hillside Cemetery in S. Royalston would be performed by Beth and Rick Carrier and John Poon as a learning experience for the Commission in general.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

J. L. Poon  
Chairman

22 Sept. 1988

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

Attendees: J. Coppock, W. Newton, A. Bowers,  
E. Carrier, E. Siegmund, P. O'Connor, P. Bundschuh,  
J. Poor

Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of August meetings were read and approved.

### Old Business

1. The Chairman announced that he had reviewed the certificates of appropriateness that had been issued so far during 1988 and ascertained that five of them required determining whether or not they had been complied with satisfactorily. He then assigned #3-88 to Alan Bowers, 4-88 to Johnstone Coppock, 6-88 to Steffie Siegmund, 7-88 to Patience Bundschuh and 9-88 to Beth Carrier and set a ~~certification reporting~~ deadline date for reporting back to him of findings and/or action taken, that date being two weeks hence (6 October).

2. The intended "pilot" inventory of the Hills Cemetery was not undertaken as hoped for due to the press of other Commission business the Chairman had to attend to on the scheduled date. Another near future date will be set. In this connection, Alan Bowers will provide the Commission with a "cursey inventory" of all the cemeteries in town which tells when they all exactly are, among other things.

The architect's attempt to make all the additional structures embody a sense of the existing brick building of the 1930's was a most counterintuitive feature of the proposal, consequently.

3. The Annual election of officers was postponed till the next meeting due to the lengthy presentation and discussion of the proposed Raymond School addition.

### New Business.

The Chairman of the Raymond School Addition Building Committee, <sup>Lisa Green,</sup> introduced the Historic District Commission to the plans that her committee currently favored. It can be safely said that the physical size/scope of the proposed additions ~~was~~ had not been anticipated to be so large and spread out so as to take up so much of the existing school grounds and to impact so greatly on the <sup>present</sup> vista now so open in the southeastern "corner" of the historic district.

→ An animated discussion of numerous features ensued, in particular, <sup>regarding</sup> the all-encompassing <sup>low</sup> brick facade and the shed-like cupola on the multi-purpose building. In sum, there was consensus on five or six aspects or features of the proposal that changes were in order or that ~~change~~ proposed changes should be presented for further consideration.

A ball-park estimate of the costs involved seemed to be about \$4 million now but who knows how much more due to the funerals of passing time and inflation before the construction ever begins, and that not ~~soon~~ in the near foreseeable future.

With cost-savings in mind the Chairman ~~stated~~ pointed out the need for elimination of non-essential features such as the brick facade, especially on the back side of the additions at the very least.

~~It was~~ Mrs. Sreden, when asked, advised that no funding provision for decorative landscaping was included in the existing proposal, but the need for such ~~seems~~ landscaping seems very apparent for softening the visual impact of the greatly expanded/extended additions to the existing school building.

An updating of the proposal reflecting the changes, ~~the~~ actual or proposed, will probably be ready for the Commission's consideration at the October meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

J. L. Pook  
Chairman

27 October 1988

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Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Members present: G. Shackelford, W. Kirkman, Jr. Coppock, E. Carrier, E. Siegmund, P. Brundschuh, A. Bowers, W. Newton, J. Poor.

Minutes of the 22 September meeting were read. However, more details of the part of the meeting pertaining to the Raymond School addition were deemed essential for the record, so these minutes were not accepted as complete. Alan Bowers will supply the necessary additional details.

### Old Business.

① Because the next regular meeting would fall on Thanksgiving Day the November meeting was set for Thursday, 17 November, at the Fire Station.

② The Chairman reported that he and Beth and Rick Carrier commenced the inventory of town cemeteries by visiting the ~~small cemetery at~~ the South Royalston Cemetery on Route 68 across from the fire station, a small one with only 49 headstones. (In this connection, Alan Bowers turned over to the Chairman the "curious inventory" alluded to in the September meeting minutes.)

③ The Chairman advised that the Town Common Project seems to be in an "on hold" status, probably due to the State's current financial problems. Final round "winners" were supposed to have been announced on 30 September but this is in abeyance also.

④ Those members who did not attend the recent follow-on presentation of the Raymond School addition project were apprised in general

of what transpired. (Commission members Bowers, Brundschuh, Hewton, Siegmund and Poor attended). The bottom line was that we agreed to the basic footprint of the structure proposed by TAMS Consultants, Inc. but architectural details as to building elevations and rooflines were yet to be worked out. The Chairman reiterated his concern about allowing new structures of markedly different architectural features from those existent in the Historic District particularly in view of changes to the Town Hall that are occurring over which the Town has little control in complying with State mandated ~~changes~~ e.g., handicapped access.

In the course of events, ~~J. Coppock~~ <sup>W. Kierman</sup> moved that the Commission go on record as favoring considering some alternative site for an entirely new school. This motion was seconded and was approved, <sup>Alan Bowers abstain</sup> it was presumed that the current plans recently accepted by the School Building Committee and the Historic District Commission, as indicated above, would be applicable to any alternative site.

⑤ A review was conducted of the results of the follow-up on certificates of appropriateness assigned several members at the September meeting.

# 9-88 E. Carrier reported that the Schaezgers had complied properly with the change in trim color.

# 7-88 P. Brundschuh advised that the Savoy project was not yet complete and that the grills to divide the window sashes into three lites have yet to be fabricated. Further follow-up is required.

# 6-88 E. Siegmund checked out the Stanton tennis court and found several deviations from the stated plans. Wooden posts were used instead of pipes. The proposed 40-foot gap on the west side

was missing. a bang-board had been installed and a basketball hoop and backboard, neither of which was called for. Since all these features can be largely obscured by evergreen plantings it was agreed that the clause in the certificate of appropriateness calling for such plantings if judged necessary by the Commission be invoked and the Stanton be so informed. The Chairman said he would see to it.

The final deviation pertains to the distances the court should have been from walls on its east side and south end, i.e., ten feet. It is actually more than 25 feet from both walls. However, ~~since~~ the ten-foot requirement was for the purpose of minimizing encroachment into the wetlands buffer zone (100 feet) and the Commission holds a copy of a letter to the Stanton from the Conservation Commission condoning the ~~the~~ location of the court <sup>as it is</sup> within the buffer zone. Accordingly, this deviation is now a moot point.

It seems, if the plantings are properly carried out all the other deviations will also become moot. No date has been set by the Stanton for such plantings but they must occur during the spring of 1989. However, the very pale color of the ports make them very visible from N.E. City of William Road and staining them ~~to~~ a darker color may be more effective and practical from that particular perspective. That would be in addition to the other required plantings.

#4-88. J. Coppock contacted James Kelley about the likelihood of his having his roofing job completed during what's left of the 1988 roofing season and concluded that Kelley was "little inclined to meet the dead-line for having all roofs of the slate color". This seems consistent with utterances Kelley has made recently to at least one town's person which was reported back to the Chairman. Alan Bowers is convinced the Kelley roof will be our first test case for applying the Historic District By-Law against a violation thereof and that the Commission should proceed carefully toward this eventuality.

The Chairman holds that no non-compliance can be claimed prior to 1 January 1989, that date commencing a new roofing as well as calendar year and that position was accepted. However, it was deemed necessary at this point to advise Kelley in writing as to the effect of the stipulation set forth on his certificate of appropriateness and the potential ~~very~~ impact of the violations clause in the By-Law should he fail to comply. The Chairman took on this task which he said he would perform ~~as tactfully~~ tactfully, writing Kelley to state his case and perhaps in so doing find some ~~acceptable~~ compromise to offer the Commission.

#3-88. Alan Bowers made an on-site inspection of the Bindschuh renovation project on Dye Hill Road, reported the finding of 3 deviations from the accepted plan to the Chairman who in turn wrote to Werner Bindschuh advising him of the situation, all on 25 September 1988.

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Since ~~Wayne~~<sup>Mrs.</sup> Bundschuh could not attend this meeting, his wife Patience acted as his agent and as such abstained from any voting in connection with the applications for acceptance of deviations. Likewise with Wayne Newton, Bundschuh's contractor. In the case of painting window sashes white instead of black and of the structural obstacle preventing the installation of a transom over the front door, the Commission unanimously voted to allow such deviations. <sup>#11-88 was assigned</sup> In the matter of "upward opening" (overhead) panel type garage doors versus vertical board, outward swinging doors with transom installed above, the Commission unanimously refused to sanction this deviation but left the matter open to negotiation with Bundschuh. The Chairman assigned this responsibility to Allan Bowers.

The Chairman meanwhile reported yet another deviation he had just spotted the day before, that of a set of five ~~four~~ concrete steps at the front door. The approved plans indicated no steps at all. Mrs. Bundschuh will advise her husband to submit an application seeking approval of this change.

In connection with all the foregoing relating to #3-88, concern was expressed, by the Chairman ~~in~~<sup>in</sup>, that Bundschuh was proceeding to wilfully deviate from the approved plans while his own wife <sup>is</sup> ~~was~~ a Commission member.

### New Business

① The Chairman reported that the Athol-Royalston Regional School District maintenance supervisor had contacted him about required roofing repairs for the Raymond School, specifically,

sheathing the joints in the slate roof where the hips join one another. Copper is the traditional material but Mr. Belanger opts for aluminum because it cost only 20-25% as much as copper. Wayne Newton challenged that difference since he had priced it himself a week prior and found copper to cost only twice as much. Consequently the Commission would not concur with the use of aluminum. Mr. Belanger will be put in touch with Wayne as to his cheaper source if need be.

② Election of Officers. Wayne Newton moved re-election of the current slate, whereupon the Chairman advised all other members that if re-elected he would delegate freely and assign tasks with deadlines which he would follow-up on. Seemingly all hands preferred that to serving as Chairman or vice-chairman and re-elected John Poor as Chairman and Johnstone Coppock as Vice. The Chairman then stated he would also take care of secretarial duties until further notice, no adverse reflection on the previous secretary intended.

J. L. Poor  
Chairman

17 November 1988

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: W. Kirkman, E. Carrier, E. Sigmund, P. Brundschuh, G. Bowers, W. Newton, J. Poor.

Minutes of the October meeting were read and approved.

### Old Business.

1. All members were urged to attend the Raymond School Addition public hearing on the 18<sup>th</sup>, but several had prior plans. A discussion then ensued regarding building plans and building committee consideration and rejection of alternate siting due to implicit additional cost considerations. Wayne Newton raised the matter of marginally acceptable perk tests recently performed which he said he'd pursue at the hearing. If perking proves too questionable, another site may be ~~for~~ required after all.

2. Steffi Sigmund was assigned to work with the Stantons ~~to~~ regarding plantings and other steps such as staining the wooden posts in connection with hiding the tennis court from view to an acceptable extent.

3. In the case of Cert. #3-88, Patience Brundschuh again acted in behalf of her husband and requested anew that the Commission accept the already installed paneled overhead doors. She supported her case by photos of similar doors in the District. After lengthy discussion of the pros and cons and the clumsy manner in which this matter had become such an issue, the ~~request~~<sup>application</sup> was noted on and was approved.

4 to 1 with 2 abstentions (Poon voted against, Bindschuh and Newton abstained). Certificate of Appropriateness #12-88 was assigned.

4. Also in connection with #3-88 the Commission received ~~a request~~ an application covering the addition of the concrete steps referred to in last month's minutes and a black wrought iron hand rail. Both steps and rail are now building code requirements, so Wayne Newton informed the Commission. In order to reduce the visual impact of the already installed steps the Commission insisted that grading be performed so as to leave a maximum of 4 risers exposed and preferably fewer than that. The application was then voted on and was approved 4 to 0 with 3 abstentions (Bindschuh, Newton and Poon). #13-88 was assigned.

5. The still unresolved matter of #4-88, the Kelley roof, was then dealt with. The Chairman advised that instead of writing to the Kelleys (as discussed in October's minutes) he had a one-on-one <sup>meeting</sup> with Mr. Kelley the morning of 8 November during the course of which the Chairman emphasized the intent of the Commission's stipulation when it approved the original application; presented Mr. Kelly with a set of the By-Laws and pointed out the provisions of the penalties clause; and urged Mr. Kelly to approach the Commission prior to this meeting, if not at the meeting, with some request for relief that we might consider and assured him that we were not ~~close~~ <sup>open</sup>-minded on the matter. The members approved the Chairman's course of action.

The Chairman then asked Alan Bowers to read aloud a letter from Mr. Kelly dated 15 November, the "bottom line" of which was that he did not intend to comply with the stipulation and wanted the Commission to go along with his non-compliance, i.e., approve that course of action. (Letter filed with #4-88). During the following discussion it was ~~moved~~<sup>voted</sup> that the Chairman now write the Kellys a letter urging their presence at our December meeting for a final opportunity to reach some mutually agreeable middle-ground before the penalty clause becomes operable @ \$10.00/day <sup>at least</sup> on 1 January 1989. There was no definitive discussion of what such "middle ground" might be, however, and none was arrived at, nor was it agreed that the minimum penalty of \$10.00 be applied, though none other was discussed.

### New Business

1. An application from Daniel Schodek was received regarding a cellar entrance and stone-walls not previously applied for in connection with his restoration of the Jewett Greek Revival (#8-88).

This application was voted on favorably 6-0 with 1 abstention (W. Newton), #14-88 assigned.

2. The Chairman reported that he'd received an application from James P. Kelley to do four different things to his house and barn, none of which had any back-up plans, specs, etc. Accordingly, the application was returned with a letter of explanation, citing Chapter + verse of the By-Laws.

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There being no further business the meeting  
was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. without having  
set a date for the next meeting different from  
22 December.

J. H. For  
Chairman

15 December 1988

Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Members present: Coppock, Shashelford, Siegmund, Carrier, Brudschub, Bowers, Newton, Kirkman, and Poor.

Minutes of November 17 meeting were read & approved.

### Old Business

1. Due to a mistake in the number of risers in the front steps <sup>of the Brudschub property</sup>, stated in the original application that was assigned Certificate of Appropriateness #13-88, a corrected application was submitted stating that 3 or fewer risers would be above ground level. This was approved unanimously and #13-88 assigned to this application, with the current date.

2. The Stantons were advised that Steffie Siegmund was assigned to assist them in connection with tennis court screening plantings (#6-88). They stated they wish to stain the wooden posts to harmonize with the nearby tree trunks when they are leafless.

3. The Chairman advised that the Raymond School expansion plans were on hold because the building committee was attempting to come up with a site outside the Historic District.

4. James Kelley appeared at the meeting in response to the Committee's request to settle on some mutually agreeable compromise concerning <sup>his</sup> the roof color problem before the 31 December 1988 deadline set by the Committee in its

Stipulation on Cert. of Appropriations # 4-88.

Kelley's opening offer to paint the new slate-gray area to match the rest of the roof was, ~~considered inappropriate, i.e., not really in his best interest.~~ After considering other suggestions, ~~it was~~ finally moved and voted upon favorably (J. Coppock voting "nay" and H. Shashelford abstaining) <sup>to wit,</sup> that Kelley would, not later than 1 May 1989, paint the "Black slate" color to match the "gray slate" color on the main house roof only. (The store roof and barn roof would remain black). The presumption understood was that during the 5-year period the roof paint was good for the <sup>present</sup> roof would require replacement, it now being about 18 years old.

It should be noted that during the course of the give-and-take with Kelley the Chairman told him (again) that the whole problem stemmed from his allowing his roof repair contractor to install an off-color roofing material which he, Kelley, admitted to not wanting.

The Chairman also chided Kelley for ~~not~~ not yet having read the Historic District By-Law, particularly in view of all the big hassle he'd brought about and upon himself.

## New Business

1. An application from the Schroeds was received regarding the rebuilding of the south-end chimney of their house on Drye Hill Road. In essence, the chimney needed to be rebuilt to accommodate two flues (instead of only one as originally was the case) and to be located 3' 8" higher up on the roof. This application was approved unanimously and # 15-88 assigned to the Certification of Appropriateness.

2. The Chairman suggested that the Commission's tree-planting program be re-activated due to the demise of the Town Common Project and the tree plantings planned in association with it with project funding. He offered to take the lead in this effort. No one volunteered to assist.

3. The Chairman then introduced a set of complaints from him pertaining to the La France-Cone house on Warwick Road. He read his opening letter to those property owners, Mr. Cone's response of 12 December and the Chairman's resultant letter of 14 December with which he provided a copy of the Historic District By Law and the current Commission informational pamphlet.

The Chairman's complaint consisted of two different charges, the first being the replacement of the previous solid front door with one which incorporated a "fan light," constituting a change of architectural detail and one which was out of character. The second charge concerned four (4) specifications of color changes from what previously pertained, i.e., the new

front door, its new storm door, the new entrance screen door were now a finished natural color and the garage door was now a significantly (in his judgement) darker blue than before.

Since neither member of the La France-Cone household appeared in response to requests to do so in both aforementioned letters from the Chairman to them the Commission could only consider what the next appropriate step on its part should be, and this and the charges and specs were discussed at length and in detail, after which it was concluded the Chairman's charges and specs were valid and must be addressed with the objective of achieving corrective action rather than immediately resorting to applying any penalty.

Alan Bowers moved that Commission members Coppock and Carrier "contact La France-Cone with the noted violations, the architectural change to ~~the~~ front door and four color violations - front door, storm door, screen door and garage doors, requesting the proper applications be filed, action, follow-up action to be taken in January." All members voted in favor and J. Coppock was carefully advised as to what was intended and expected, he being the senior of the two delegates.

The meeting was then adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

J. H. Poor  
Chairman

P.S.

During the course of considering the Schodek chimney rebuilding application, which due to the building code would require 4" of tile to extend above the chimney lip, Alan Bowers related a recent interesting revelation that was news to him and all the rest of the Commission. It seems that the Mass. Historic Commission can (somehow) override building codes that would cause debasement of architectural integrity to at least old/historic buildings, even when handicapped access is involved. Accordingly, Schodek will be advised to seek relief as to the chimney tile and the Commission ~~that~~ itself should seek edification for its own purposes.

J.H.A.