

Date: 19 September 1997

Attendees: Karen Packford, George Krasowski,
Rich Carrier, Andy West, John Poor

Meeting called to order at 7:30

Minutes for the August meeting were read. Some corrections were needed for submission at the next meeting before final approval.

Regular order of business was departed from in order to deal with a presentation of preliminary plans for new construction on Drye Hill. Contractor Donald Langlois represented the future owners, Randy and Angelia Favreau (FAVREAU).

The house plans were incomplete in numerous aspects, including no sketching, no dimensions, etc., resulting in considerable discussion about what would constitute proper plans for Commission consideration. No application was, therefore, submitted at this meeting. Way and means for expeditiously proceeding with the application procedure, including likely public hearing, were discussed at length. The need for good communications and close coordination were stressed as essential. Andy West and/or John Poor were designated as Commission reps to deal with Langlois as needed during the overall process to provide advice, answer questions, vet drawings and application before submission for Commission consideration and public hearing.

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The July meeting minutes were read and ~~read~~ approved as amended/corrected.

Old Business

1. Mark Smith called New England Electric to report the missing light standard and street lamp in front of his house.

2. Chairman Andy West reported sending a letter to NEE accounts manager Jack Middleton regarding two ^{old} light standards recently removed and replaced with modern ones without ADC approval and seeking a reply as to what NEE will do about it. This triggered discussion about the whole situation during which old Karen Fishford reported she'd gotten a lead on standards supposedly stored in a shed for future use as needed in the Royalston H.D. She gave a contact name to the Chairman who said he would call him. Changes in NEE personnel appear to be a factor in this problem with NEE.

3. The Chairman sent ^{appreciation} ~~thank you~~ letter to Loraine Casimiro for her service as a member of the ADC.

4. The Chairman reported having contacted the Mass. Historic Commission in re satellite dishes and what we could do to control their location. This evoked lively discussion covering much of what's been said before, including satellite dishes being mislabeled generically as TV antennas, yes or no. A vote to establish once and for all the Commission's position was postponed till the October meeting so that Mark Smith

will be present ~~at such a~~ since he has strong views on the matter. In this connection John Poon described the ^{long and} involved procedures required to amend the by-laws, with no assurance the Attorney General will approve the amendment.

5. The Chairman also asked the MHC for guidelines regarding new construction as was told some would be sent. To date they had not been received.

6. John Poon reported that the north side of the Town Hall has been painted on schedule. He suggested that ^{as} the DPW Director was now actively in the town hall maintenance picture the HSC need no longer concern itself, hopefully.

New Business.

1. John Poon reported that Zee Bowers' barn ~~was~~ ^{is} going to be razed. It is in terrible condition and should have been condemned long ^{ago} ~~ago~~ since. This information about razing is "unofficial" at this point.

2. John Poon advised that, in conjunction with the Selectmen and Tree Warden he has a promise of funding for four maple saplings to replace trees recently removed from the Common. The Tree Warden said he'd remove stumps prior to planting the new trees. How much Commissioner labor will be needed remains to be seen. (over)

Two applications from the Parish were received, reviewed and approved. One was for a three-tiered Victorian era water fountain. The vote was 4-0-1 (Karen Dickford abstained in favor. Cert. # 19-97 was assigned.

The other application was for a change made to the kitchen porch. This was also approved 4-0-1 (Karen abstaining) and Cert. # 20-97 was assigned.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30!

John Pore
Asst. Sec'y