

ROYALSTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

DATE: January 15, 1998

ATTENDERS: Rick Carrier, Andy West, Patience Bundschuh, Peter Kraniak, George Krasowski, Ken Lively, and John Poor.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 P.M..

OLD BUSINESS

The minutes for the December meeting were read and after a few corrections were made, a motion to accept the corrected minutes was made and seconded. Approved 6-0 with Ken abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Andy stated that he sent a letter to Eldora Bowers about the color change of her house. He noted that he failed to send an application with the letter. The letter was mailed earlier in the week. A brief discussion followed.

Andy stated that he has received some of the information that Mr. Favreau had promised on the Frye Hill construction. Mr. Favreau has supplied the drawings of the construction. He has not supplied a paint chip for the color of the front door or a shingle sample. Not all of the requested information has been provided, therefore Andy has not sent a letter to the Building Inspector as of yet.

John brought up the question as to who from the Commission was going to sign off on the occupancy permit. A discussion followed as to how the Commission would verify if all agreed to items were completed before signing. Ken stated that he had viewed the house construction today and that it looked a long way from occupancy. Ken stated the roof shingles were on, porch roof on, vinyl siding started on the South side, and the chimney was on. The porch is incomplete and the electrical isn't hitched up yet.

John makes a motion for the Chairman of the Historic Commission to appoint a subcommittee of three members to review the application before occupancy is granted. If the sub-committee cannot agree unanimously on the application, then the whole Historic Commission should become involved. Rick seconded and the motion was approved unanimously 7-0.

Questions arose as to what needs to be done before occupancy. A discussion followed and the grading of the yard was discussed. It was noted that the winter weather may come into play on some of the issues that will need to be addressed. John noted that the Commission needs to be certain that all agreed to issues will be addressed before occupancy. It was noted that after the Favreau's move in it may be too late.

Andy asked for volunteers to the sub-committee. Rick, George, and Andy will make up

the sub-committee to make sure the Frye Hill construction is in compliance before the occupancy permit is signed.

The question came up as to where the permit for this construction is located. John said that the Building Inspector should have it.

John mentioned the fact that the grading of the property really needs to be addressed before occupancy. There is a concern that there may be future problems if the Favreau's move in before compliance. It was noted that the Favreau's may be living next door to the new construction.

Ken talks of the research that he did on the horse barn that Jason Fortunato has built. The application mentions the fact that it was built for a horse as well as storage. John made the point that it was up to the Building Inspector to check on compliance with the building permit. Peter states that there are a couple of unused vehicles behind the shed. John brings up the point that there are other properties in town with more and worse vehicles on it. Patience mentions the fact that there are other garages or sheds in town that are being used for other purposes. John again states it is an issue for the Building Inspector to address.

Patience makes a motion to send a letter to Jason stating that the Commission, after reviewing its file, has noticed that he needs to paint his shed white as his application of 3-16-95 cert. #3-95 states. Patience stresses to make the letter a gentle reminder to Jason. John recommends to mention in the letter how much Jason has done to the property and compliment him. Rick seconds and the vote is 6-1. Andy will send the letter.

Ken mentions that he has researched the Raymond School ramp that was proposed at an earlier date. The proposed ramp is in the application book of the Commission. Ken mentions that the Village School has recently looked at the building again. No other word from the Village School.

NEW BUSINESS

Andy tells the Commission that the Bastille has been sold to Landmark Trust. He gives a brief description of the business. Patience adds that Landmark Trust is a British company and that they have many houses and castles in England and Italy. Patience mentions that this is only the third property in the United States. Ken mentioned that David Tansey, who represents Landmark Trust, was going to come to the meeting but had to cancel due to bad weather. He will try to attend the February meeting. John brought up the fact of the zoning bylaws for this type of business. The Bastille is in the Historic District zone and no businesses are allowed in this zone. A discussion followed on some of the benefits and disadvantages of this venture.

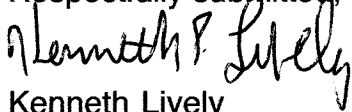
Ken updated the Commission on the status of the other properties of the Bullocks and Coles. Ken stated it was his belief that the Pierce-Stowe now belongs to Henry Cole,

the Lightning Rods belongs to Henry Cole and Alice Jones, and the Columns was in the process of being sold. Ken stated it looked like the Lightning Rods and Columns land had been divided.

Patience stated that the Natalie Wells house has recently been sold to Boyd Estus and that he would like the Commission to send him some information on the Royalston Historic District, by-laws, and the information on his house. Andy will get this information in the mail to him.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 P.M..

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kenneth Lively".

Kenneth Lively
Secretary