

Minutes of H.D.C. Special Meeting Sept. 3 '98

Prior to the official start of the meeting at 8:03 pm. the commission met at the Favreau property on Fryc Hill Rd and toured the site, noting ^(dormer) 1st hand changes in building plans, addition of deck, problems with grading, addition of shutters, and other smaller details. ~~Pres~~

Present at the town hall were commission members: Clarence Labordox, Peter Kraniak, Patience Bundschue, Karen Pickford, ~~George Krawanski~~, Rick Carnel, John Poor, and Andy West. Bob Casignino was again present as an interested H.D. Resident. Randy Favreau was present to address the commission and provide details, and answers. This meeting had been called to specifically accomodate him

as he missed the previous meeting when his attendance had been requested - and then not available.

The purpose of the meeting was stated: ^① to renew Farreau construction, ^② note violations and discrepancies - ^{and} seek answers and resolutions to such. ^③ Provide missing details for previous unfinished applications. Overall a much necessary confrontation was needed between both parties (H.D.C. + Farrears) to air problems seek resolution, or take necessary action. Mr Farreau declined to speak at this time.

The building plans were then reviewed. It was noted that no dormer or deck was on the house plans that had been submitted to the H.D.C. It was noted that the B.I. plans did have

these items. Mr. Farreau was asked why the B.I. and H.D.C. received different plans. He said "basically he has none" He explained their excitement of building a house, coupled with other life factors and obligations caused them not to pay attention to the building process. This was his answer in full.

The commission then ^{proceeded to} address each specific issue separately to ^{inform} ~~decide~~ with Mr. Farreau what was needed ~~on each~~ ~~to~~ to either complete ^{existing} application, or whether a new application was necessary.

①. The Grading

it was noted that minimal foundation should be showing - the Building Code requires no more than 8 in of foundation showing. it was explained if Mr. Farreau

then certificate #2197

complied with this ~~no application was~~
~~would stand (the original application)~~
~~necessary~~. If he chose another
solution ex-continuing siding, & application
of stone covering a formal
application would be needed—
with samples if applicable.

② Light on Front Door.

It was noted ^{that} an after the fact
application for the existing front
door light was necessary—it
should include a photo, and
precise dimensions of the light
itself and its relation to the
door—roof line—etc.

③ A sample of the siding and
a roof shingle ~~was~~ were then
presented to complete application
#2197. These samples were sat-
isfactory to the commission.

"Poor ^{Dead} Son of a Bitch" →

④ The subject of a deck application then ~~was~~ came up. John Poor noted that the commission had decided that previous items must be resolved, ~~or~~ applied for before the commission would consider the deck and the dormer.

A ^{heated} discussion followed between Mr Poor and Mr. Farreav. John Poor made a statement referring to the deceased builder Don Langlois - which ^{was} in actuality ~~was~~ sympathetic to Mr. Langlois - but the wording was offensive and inflammatory - and -

Mr. Farreav walked out of the meeting. - ~~angry, dissatisfied, and~~

The commission then resumed with

members noting their opinions of what had just occurred.

Patience Bundschie made a strong statement condemning Mr. Pours words as inflammatory and not representative of the whole commissions approach. She noted with regret and frustration that all of our work at resolution was now for naught and despite our frustration with the Favreas (that Mr. Poor and all members feel) we must work in a conciliatory fashion to come to resolution of the whole affair.

More opinions were expressed and the commission was interrupted by the arrival of Mr. Favreas' ^{wife's} mother ~~in law~~ and grandmother - both ^{sister's} mother

to Don Langlois the builder - whom Mr. Poor had made the statement about.

They 1st asked for John Poor and expressed their anger with his remark. The Elder Mrs Langlois then addressed the commission as to why we did not want to have these kids (the Favreus) in our Historic District - she noted her frustrations - and her life long residency of Royalston.

It became apparent that there were many misunderstandings about the commission itself, and the commissions dealings with the Favreus.

Andy West, chairman, stood and took control of a disintegrating meeting. He then patiently and clearly explained to the Langlois women

what the purpose of the commission was, and its adherence to by-laws. He then went through a recounting of the application process with the Farrears and what the commissions problems and contentions were. He ~~also~~ ^{John Poor} explained the context of ~~John~~ ^{his} ~~Poor's~~ unfortunate characterization of the deceased Don Langlois.

With Mr. West's authoritative yet patient manner - a dialogue ensued to resolve the problems at hand.

Mr. West walked the Langlois through what had been requested of Mr. Farrear earlier in the meeting. Mr. Farrear's mother in law took notes and said she would attend the next meeting with all the necessary applications and

details. It was explained to her that all minor infractions would be addressed before discussion even began on the deck and the dormer. She understood and agreed to this - expressing her hope that a resolution ~~to~~ could be ~~more~~ agreed upon that allowed the deck and dormer to remain. The commission remained uncommitted on these topics and continued to maintain resolution of minor problems is^d. The Langlois left with the commission feeling that progress could again be made.

A long discussion followed - and P.B. stated she had an application to present. Mr. Poor excused himself due to the lateness of the hour and the exhaustion

the meeting has incurred. The other members remained to peruse Patience B's application.

After an initial look-over no ~~meeting~~ voting occurred - and the commission concurred that time and viewing of the maps was necessary to consider the application.

~~meeting~~ The meeting adjourned at 10:30 P.M. .

Respectfully submitted
Karen Pickett
Secretary.

Approved
Oct 23-98