

H.D.C. Minutes Special Meeting
Oct 1 1998.

The purpose of this meeting was to formally accept Patience Bindshue's application for alterations to the back ell on her property The maples.

In attendance were: John Poor, Ginger Asel, George Krawski, Patience Bindshore, B. Casignino, Rick Carrier, Clarence Rabideau, Karen Pickford and Andy West.

The meeting took place upstairs in the town hall - where Patience B. had laid out a usual display ^{of photographs & architectural models} to support her application.

George K. opened discussion by saying he found nothing objectionable.

Andy West states there are two approaches to reviewing this application:

- 1.) considering the original function

of the ell - would dictate a plain approach.

2.) If you look at this as an addition - it should match the rest of the house.

Patience noted that this was not an original portion of the house - she speculates it was moved from another location and structure and added to this house at a later time. An architectural history supports this view.

Opinions were then stated from all members of the commission - the following points were noted

G Krawanski said the changes were not unlike many that were more visible on other houses

C Lubinovskiy said we should not hold Patience up to higher standards - than

John Poor felt this was an example of gentrification albeit a good one. he felt the S+N sides were acceptable at the west end was too visible from 68 - and the change ^{too} significant on a very important house - he was opposed ^{to the plan} and felt a public hearing was necessary.

we have in the rest of the district.

Ginger Asel noted the improvement to the house overall.

Rick Carrier considered the fact that gratitude is involved because of time money + effort put in to saving the house.

Bob Cas - felt the changes were architecturally correct to the period of the house - and feels it is not particularly visible - he then brought up the subject of public hearing - and what are the procedures and protocol for holding one.

John Poor stated that the bylaws gave us no option but to have a public hearing. - a long discussion ensued about the bylaws and it was concluded that John was

right and a public hearing necessary.

The procedure of a public hearing was then discussed - and there was consideration paid to the time of year and the Bonschers' time frame for their project - Andy West said he would take care of public notices and the date of Oct 23 was chosen - voting on P.B. application was left until after the hearing.

- More discussion followed about procedures and responsibilities of the commission. P.B. suggested we try to get a rep from the M.H.C. to come and speak to the commission about the topics

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM
Recommendation: Motion carried.