

minutes of HDC Meeting Jan 21 1999

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM by chairman Andy West. Commission members in attendance were John Poor, Ginger Asel, Clarence Rabideau, Karen Pickford, Bob Casinighino Rick Carrier and Andy West. Regular business was postponed to accomodate a special guest, Chris Skelly of the Mass Historic Commission. ~~was present to field~~ He ~~had~~ attended at the request of the commission to answer ~~any~~ questions and address concerns that had been at the forefront of discussion over the past year.

Mr Skelly did many things over the course of the evening:

- 1.) he presented the commission with many copies of ~~the~~ "A Guidebook for H.D.C.'s - a reference for H.D.C.'s on all pertinent things

2.) he came with sample brochures from other H.D.C.'s in the state, for ~~the~~ the group to ~~reference~~ ^{peruse}.

3.) he addressed questions and concerns. many ~~are~~ topics were raised - among them:

- 1.) how to deal w/ after the fact applications
- 2.) the saga of the Fairwairs and the question of building inspectors and H.D.C.'s who has the final authority.
- 3.) the legal muscle of H.D.C.'s.
- 4.) H.D.C.' vs. public utilities
- 5.) the application process itself and when to issue certificates of appropriateness, non-applicability and hardship.
- 6.) the issue of public hearings and notices
- 7.) the need for design guidelines
- 8.) and how to access other H.D.C.

members via the internet Mr. Skelly solicited E-mail addresses so that he could share information w/ available members ~~through the~~ via computer.

~~The commiss~~ The evening was informative and ended with an agreement to have Mr Skelly return on another occasion - the meeting adj at 9:30 pm.

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