

HDC Meeting Minutes, 17 June 1999

Members present: J. Bondschuh, C. Rabideau,
R. Carrier, H. Krasowski, P. Kreniak,
J. Poor

Meeting called to order at 7:34 by acting
chairman Rick Carrier.

Let it be duly noted that the public
hearing scheduled for 7:00 this date was
conducted, in a manner of speaking. No one
appeared in opposition to the Fortimatos'
request to paint their stockade fence
a solid white. ^{The Fortimatos were present and} Rick Carrier and John
Poor were the HDC members present. The
public hearing was terminated at 7:10 without
further ado.

It should also be noted that all three
Selectmen attended both the public hearing
and the regular meeting. They made no
input during the former and considerable
during the latter, as will be referred to.

Old Business

1. The application from the Fortimatos
to paint their fence white was considered
briefly and approved unanimously. Certificate
of Appropriateness — 99 was assigned.
2. The Fortimatos application to re-roof their

house so as to make it all one color, "frost" so-called, was considered. There was no opposition from abutters. The application was approved unanimously and Cew. ____-99 was assigned.

3. No ex-parte application from Marjorie Chase Drouin was at hand in respect to ^{either} the removed picket fence or the Hayfield gateway ^{removed and} erected without ADC approval respectively. The Selectmen seemed to take note.

4. Linda Alger, Selectmen's Chairman, presented an application on behalf of Eldora Bowers. It was presented as a hardship application to allow her to retain her unapproved violet (or whatever) trim color due to her age (82) and her limited fixed income. There was considerable discussion amongst ADC members and the Selectmen who did not seem to be trying to coerce the ADC into approving the application, so much as to request the ADC give it careful consideration.

Since the application was in good enough order to be accepted, it was, John Fox then ^{proposed} ~~stated~~, that it be considered between

then and the next regular meeting (July). That was acceptable to all members and the matter concluded on that note.

5. No quote has been received for making the HDC signs.

6. S. Royalston Road still needs a street light replacement.

7. The status of an application from the Village School for painting the handicapped access ramp is unknown except that none was at hand.

8. There was much concerned discussion regarding the meeting of some HDC members recently with the Landmark Trust representative on site at the Bastille. The concerns expressed focussed primarily on the status of the fence and secondarily on the balustrade, neither of which the Trust seems interested in keeping. A strong concern seems to be that the HDC and the general public would not countenance the removal of the ^{fence} only 70 years old or not. The feeling about the balustrade was not really developed, it seemed. Meanwhile, no application has been presented.

New Business

In connection with the Bowers' application a general sort of discussion with ^{selectmen} and Alger and Bill Keopell took place about HDC modus operandi and problems the ADC had to deal with. The selectmen were generally sympathetic with the HDC's trials and tribulations and urged that intercourse with our public be intensified, even employing such devices as welcoming committees for new property owners, for example.

In respect to the ^{selectmen's} meeting in May attended by Chairman Andy West (withn't perhaps) to deal with Frye Hill problems, Selectman Keopell was highly complimentary in his remarks about how Andy handled himself in a rather hostile setting in which the HDC was accused, more or less, of beating up on a poor little old defenseless lady. In respect to Mrs (Chas) Drouin's claim that her first contact with the ADC was a certified or registered letter in respect to the fence and/or gate, HDC members led by Rich Carrier heartily denied that and stressed how diplomatic and even gentle? Andy is with offenders ~~if they~~ whether they are deserving of such treatment or not. OVER

Meeting adjourned at 8:50

Acting for the Secretary
John L. Aron