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HDC minutes Sept 23 1999 *

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM
by new chairman P. Bundschu ^{*- let it be noted}
commission members ^{that this is the 1st}
present were: ^{meeting since the election}
^{in August.}

Rick Carrier

Andy West

P Bundschu

Karen Pickard

Clay Rabideau

John Divoll

Bob Casinighino

all present to
record meeting
Henry Feldt.

* let it be noted that this meeting was
held on the 4th Thurs instead of the
previous and usual 3rd Thurs due to
Hurricane Floyd.

The meeting began with minutes and Old Business

The minutes of the July meeting were read
and a motion to accept them ~~to~~ was made
by Andy West 2nd by Rick Carrier - all
approved. July's minutes were accepted.

The minutes of the August meeting were read
and a motion was made by Andy West
to accept them Rick Carrier 2nd they
were approved and accepted.

During and after the reading of the August
minutes there was a discussion of the

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secretaries role and whether it ~~was~~ ^{is} appropriate for a member to be filling it ~~the~~ ^{it}. Karen Pickford expressed that it was difficult to simultaneously record a meeting and participate fully in it. There was discussion about the possibility of an independent person filling the secretarial role - perhaps in even a paid position.

- Patience B said she had called Diane Richardson who is a volunteer secretary for the planning board - she was not interested
- Clarence R. suggested an appointed secretary ~~that~~ ^{that would be} a non-voting member
- Andy West noted that ^{an appointment} ~~would require~~ ^{would require} the Selectmen approval whereas if we were to hire someone - we could do it under our own discretion -
- Patience suggested an intern - and other ideas were discussed ^{immediate}
- there was no ~~solution~~ ^{decision} determined - Karen Pickford stated she would try to be more vigilant w/ note taking and Henry Feldt said he would note places on the tape that certain discussion

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~~would be noted~~ took place - these would serve as reference points for referral as Karen Pickard does the final minute transcribing. This would help immediately - for a long term solution the selectmen would be notified that we need a secretary and perhaps an independent person ~~can~~ ^{could} be found.

This discussion led to the ^{H.D.C.} Budget - it is now \$50 per year - ~~the~~ ^{and} goes back into the town fund if it is not used.

Patience Brooks noted that this ~~this~~ budget is inadequate - already ~~P.B.~~ ^{she} and K. P. had spent more out of pocket ^{each} to put together the H.D.C. Books. Linda Alger ^{selectwoman} told P.B. that ^{possibly} these expenses could be reimbursed by ^{submitting a request and receipts at the} Special Town Meeting in Jan.

Patience then noted that at the Reg Town Meeting in May ^{The H.D.C.} ~~we~~ ^{should} request a larger budget - ~~the~~ ^{if the commission} needs to come up with a realistic budget that includes the printing of ^{H.D.C.} books - the newsletter, and a possible hiring of secretary. (As a ^{reference point} ~~note~~ ^{she} stated the newsletter alone was \$400 to print - and ^{The Commission} ~~the~~ hopes to do this 4 times a year -

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- prices of these things can be played around with but any way around it ^{The HDC} ~~we~~ need a larger budget and a well thought out request for it.

For now ^{the commission} ~~we~~ needs to make sure all ~~of~~ materials are available at the library - since ^{it} ~~we~~ cannot afford mailings and lg printings.

OLD BUSINESS

at this point previous chairman Andy West took over to ~~cover~~ ^{the meeting his last} wrap up items from ~~the~~ previous ~~chairman~~ as chairman.

1. Pat Jackson's application for a driveway at her property on Old Winchendon Rd.

Andy noted that notices went out to abutters and no responses were recieved
- P.B. reread the application for appropriateness ~~into~~ to the commission and asked for discussion

Andy West noted the plan was discreet and functional ^{to accept the application}
he ~~then~~ ~~Andy~~ made a motion ^{2nd} by R Pickford
note: there was a clerical edit made the actual application was for applicability this was

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changed to appropriateness)

A vote was taken - and unanimously approved - certificate of appropriateness issued # 8-99.

② Margare Chases application for an after the fact gate. ^{at her property on Frye Hill Rd.} At the previous meeting member

John Divoll had informed the commission of the "Right to Farm Law". Since that meeting ^{he had requested information} John Divoll ^{information} ~~the~~ and reported on his communication with the Farm Bureau - he received from them a copy of the Law which he read to the commission.

which would supersede any of our bylaws and renders this application moot.

A discussion followed about this - John Divoll ~~to~~ was very helpful and informative in explaining how this law applies to Margare Chases property - and how her property qualifies as a "farm" member

- Andy West questions if the wording of the law ~~only allows~~ and its use of ~~the~~ ~~zoning~~ term zoning ordinances and bylaws would rule this out.
- C. Rabideau suggests we should not act on this until we hear a response from the M H D C
- Karen Pickford suggests that we ask Margare Chase to change her

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application to one of non-applicability - so that the gate goes on record and we do not supersede farm-law

Patience reminds the commission that we have accepted the application and we must act ^{within} 60 days

it is decided that we must take action and Andy West notes that we can grant a certificate of non-applic. to an application for appropriateness. He makes a motion to do this w reference to the right to farm law. Clarence Rab. 2nds the motion the application is granted as certificate of non applicability with a unanimous vote. certificate # 9-99.

Andy West notes that although we have addressed this particular application we are still awaiting a response from the MHC about the Right to Farm Law.

③ Raymond Ramp. - Andy west notes that notification went out to abutters with no response - the appropriate time period has lapsed
A motion is made by Karen Pickford

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to approve the application to paint the Raymond Ramp. This motion is 2nd by B Casinghino - the vote is unanimous in favor. Certificate of Appropriateness is granted - # 10-99.

④ Frye Hill Rd. Construction

Andy West notes that notices have been sent to abutters on 2 pending applications. The appropriate time period has lapsed and no response has been received. It is time to consider both applications.

1st ^{after the fact} the application for the modification to the roof line - ~~the~~

Patience Bindshire states that she feels that a new leaf will be turned over with the Favreus - she feels confident that after delivering the HDC book there will be no more excuse for ^{confusion} ~~error~~ on their part as to what is their responsibility to the H.D.C. - that in the future they ^{will} understand their role as HDC residents.

Andy West interjects - with the news that the Favreus have in fact paved their driveway - this includes ~~the~~ Randy + Angel as well as Mrs

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Langlois. He states that in fact they have created another occasion for us to consider an after the fact application - he sees this as a continuation of business as usual.

A discussion followed ~~that~~ ~~brought~~ about the Fureau's and if their mistakes were truly about lack of information - or if they blatantly continue to disregard the Historic By Laws. After many strong opinions are expressed Patience returned the commission's attention back to the application at hand - the modified roof line.

C. Rabideau suggests that we move through these current applications and the driveway but hold very firm to procedure with their construction of anything in the future (this includes a possible garage). The commission agrees and Andy West makes a motion to accept the modified roofline application with a 2nd from John Diroll. A vote is taken

4 in favor	3 against
Karen R.	Andy West Rick Carr
Patience B.	Bob Cas.
Andy	Clarence Rab.
John Diroll	

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they are granted a certificate of appropriateness
11-99.

~~There were very strong opinions about the~~
~~Farear~~

It is decided that Patience will send them a letter notifying them of the outcome with ~~a~~ ~~an~~ ~~warning that~~ ~~special attention paid to the close~~ vote. She will let them know that they came very close to a no vote - and what ~~the consequences would have been if in fact~~ ~~that no vote would have meant~~ ~~the vote was no~~ she will also inform them of their high rate of A Fact Apps and say they will no longer be tolerated.

At this point Rick Carrier notes that we should be determining and recording at the beginning of each meeting who will be voting that night. All are in agreement this will be done.

2nd Farear Application

This is an after the fact application for the addition of a deck off the back of the house - ^{Patience rereads application.} The discussion is minimal and notes that most of the deck is not visible from a public way. Andy West makes a

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motion to approve the application - John Divoll 2nd's the motion a vote is taken

<u>4 in favor</u>	<u>3 against</u>
Patience, Andy, Karen John	Rick Bob Clarence

appropriateness is granted # 12-99

New Business

Patience Bindshre presents an application
① from Boyd Eskus to turn blind window
into a true window on his house
on NE Fitzwilliam Rd. The particular
window is ^{on the} 2nd story - South side - 2nd in from
street.

Patience read the full application
which had all necessary ~~application~~
information including photographs.

A discussion follows - ^{Andy West notes} there is another
blind window below it - will this
cause an odd ^{off} ~~look~~ ^{balance} look?

Andy West ^{also} notes that although these
windows are not finchaneal they
are original - and we should take
this into consideration. It is an
historic aspect of the house

it is noted that we should determine