

## ROYALSTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

### MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 13, 2000 SPECIAL MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Patience Bundschuh at 7:35 PM

Members present were: George Krasowski, Clarence Rabideau, Patience Bundschuh, Rick Carrier. Alternates present were: Bob Casinghino

Bob Casinghino took the minutes as Karen Pickford, secretary was not present.

Bob Casinghino read the October 21, 1999 minutes. A motion was made to accept the minutes as read by Clarence Rabideau. The motion was seconded by Rick Carrier. The minutes were unanimously approved. Patience asked that before going on to the November minutes, she would like to review the October minutes to verify if there was a vote taken or a consensus to send a letter to The Landmark Trust in response to the 12/21/99 letter received from The Landmark Trust. After a discussion it was verified that the minutes were correct in stating that the decision was reached by a consensus of the members.

Bob Casinghino read the November, 18, 1999 minutes. A motion was made by Clarence Rabideau and seconded by Rick Carrier to approve the minutes as read. The motion was carried unanimously.

Patience noted that Karen Pickford will have the January 5, 2000 minutes ready for the next regular HDC meeting.

Clarence Rabideau made a motion to table old business until after new business as Angel Favreau was present to submit an application.

#### New Business:

Angel Favreau submitted an application with detailed builder's plans for the garage/breezeway new construction at the Favreau property

on Frye Hill Road. The subcommittee ( Patience Bundschuh, Andy West & Rick Carrier) met on Sunday, January 9, 2000 at 4:30 PM to review these builders plans prior to the HDC meeting. After a discussion it was decided that the following information should be added to the plans. (1) Detail of the design of the garage doors including window lights and a manufacturers brochure. (2) Verify window material as wood to match the rest of the house windows. (3) Verify that shutters will match the existing shutters on house. (4) Detail & description ( material & color) of the doors in the breezeway and north side door on garage.

Angel Favreau made three revisions to the plans. (1) The center window on the second floor of the garage is now eliminated. (2) The Breezeway doors will have glass panes to the bottom of the door. Angel will provide pamphlet on breezeway and garage doors. (3) Angel added the location of external lights to the plans. Patience stated that Angel needs to make sure that the same set of plans needs to be approved by the Building Inspector, The HDC and the Conservation Commission. Angel agrees. Patience then reviewed the HDC regulations to process the application. If the plans are accepted for consideration at tonight's meeting, the abutters would be notified and a Public Hearing date set for no earlier than fourteen days after abutters receive notification. Therefore the application could receive a vote after a Public Hearing held on Thursday, February 3, 2000. It was decided to postpone the regular January meeting date of January 20, 2000 to February 3, 2000 to accommodate the Public Hearing on the same night.

Rick Carrier raised the issue of an above ground pool that is visible from the road at The Favreau property. Rick discussed the fact that the HDC required Jason Fortunato to take down an above ground pool at his property that he had put up without an approval from the HDC. Jason was required to submit an application for the pool and a fence to hide it from view. Angel stated that her pool has been there since last July and when it was put up it was not visible because the grade of the hill in front of it was higher. The pool is now visible because a storm washed out part of the grade.

Patience suggests we finish dealing with the breezeway/garage application. A motion is made by Clarence Rabideau and seconded by

Rick Carrier to postpone the vote on the breezeway/garage until we discuss the pool. The motion is carried.

Angel presented an application for a picket fence that would hide the pool. Angel also stated that they plan to rebuild the washed out grade. Rick Carrier and Clarence Rabideau stated that the HDC needs more specific measurements and dimensions of sections of the fence, total length of the fence, dimensions of the pickets and space between the pickets. Angel called her husband at home to see if he could provide this information. George Krasowski suggests that Angel come back to the next meeting with this application including the additional information since it is not time critical. Angel agrees to do this. The HDC agrees that this situation regarding a pool is different from the Fortunato pool which is on level grade highly visible from the road, now concealed behind a fence.

The discussion now moves back to the garage/breezeway application. Clarence Rabideau makes a motion to accept for consideration the Favreau Breezeway/garage application plans with ammendements noted on the plan. The motion is seconded by George Krasowski and carried unanimously. Patience stated that she will notify abutters and post a Public Hearing for the Favreau Breezeway/garage application. A motion was made by George Krasowski and seconded by Bob Casinghino to postpone the next regular HDC meeting on January 20, 2000 to Thursday, February 3, 2000. The motion was unanimously approved.

Patience Bundschuh read a letter dated January 7, 2000, copied to the HDC, from the Massachusetts Historical Commission to The Landmark Trust in which the MHC states its intention to vote to rescind the \$100,000. grant awarded to the Landmark Trust one year ago. Rick Carrier noted that The Landmark Trust has not yet put in an application with the HDC. It was noted that The Landmark Trust has not yet talked to the Zoning Board about the planned use of their property.

#### OLD BUSINESS

A discussion was held about how to respond to the December 21, 1999 letter from The Landmark Trust asking for a copy of the

minutes in which it was "decided that the rear ell and the fence must be retained". It was unanimously decided that Patience will send a copy of the October 21, 1999 minutes ( which discuss the fence only) with a cover letter to The Landmark Trust.

Patience stated that Karen Pickford requested that someone else take over the responsibility as secretary. It was noted that John Poor has expressed interest in performing the duties of secretary even though he is not a current member of the Commission.

It was agreed that the HDC needs to place an article before the Annual Town Meeting requesting an increase in the current \$50. per year HDC budget.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Casinghino, Acting Secretary