

ROYALSTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 17, 2000

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Patience Bundschuh at 7:42.p.m.

Members present were Clarence Rabideau, Patience Bundschuh, Rick Carrier, Andy West, and George Krasowski. Alternate present was Jodie Brighenti.

The minutes for the February meeting were read. The motion to approve was made by Rick Carrier and seconded by Andy West. The motion was approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Patience has spoken to Linda Alger in regards to the posting of the selectboard meeting and their agenda. The agenda of the selectman's meeting is posted in the Town Hall and published in the Athol Daily News. Patience will ask Helen Divoll, the secretary to the selectmen, to place a note in her box at the Town Hall if business pertaining to the R.H.D.C. is on their agenda. Andy offered to write a letter to Linda Alger stating the R.H.D.C.'s willingness to attend selectmen's meetings. Rick Carrier asked how one-committee member might answer a question on behalf of the commission. Andy West suggested that the member would offer the application process and that all questions regarding the R.H.D.C should be brought before the commission.
2. Clarnece Rabideau asked Patience if all handbooks she created have been handed out. Patience has been able to hand out all except the handbooks belonging to Pat Jackson and the Estate of Lillis Bowers. Patience will forward copy to Alan and Theresa Bowers.

3. Patience contacted Linda Alger in regards to the R.H.D.C. budget. The budget request is due on Tuesday (2-22-00). The current annual budget is \$50.00 and is never used unless receipts are submitted. The commission needs to be realistic in its request. The annual operating budget was discussed and it was agreed that the sum of \$200 was a reasonable amount. This figure will cover administrative costs, the purchase of reference materials and education/seminars. The special project of the design guideline handbook will be submitted, as an item for consideration and that is how it will get on the Town warrant. Patience will write the articles to submit for the town's warrant. The sum of money needed for the special project will be discussed at a later meeting. Clarence will gather up all information for the special project in order to obtain a more exact price. Motion to increase the budget was proposed by Andy West, seconded by Rick Carrier, and approved by all present. Patience presented receipts that total the amount of \$264.20. John Poor suggests submitting receipts and at least \$50.00 might be reimbursed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. An application has been received from the Landmark Trust for a certificate of appropriateness, for the permanent removal of the balustrade from the Bastille. It is clear from the application that the application is for removal and not repairs to the balustrade. A discussion ensued and it was agreed that the application is complete enough to be put under consideration. Clarence Rabideau motions to accept application for consideration. Rick Carrier seconds. It is unanimously agreed to accept. Patience will notify abutters. A public hearing will be scheduled for March 16th at 7pm, this is prior to our regular monthly meeting.

2. The R.H.D.C. received a copy of a letter sent to Judy McDonough, the Executive Director of the M.H.C. from Mr. Tansey.
3. Patience reads the mission statement for the R.H.D.C. Andy suggests adding sentence from the first paragraph to the second paragraph. Everyone is sent home with copy to review and we will discuss at the next meeting.

A motion was made to adjourn meeting by Andy West, seconded by Rick Carrier and agreed upon unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Jodie Brighenti, Secretary