

## ROYALSTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MINUTES OF JULY 20,2000 MEETING

The meeting was called to order by chairman Patience Bundschuh at 7:40pm. Members present and voting were Patience Bundschuh, Andy West, Rick Carrier, Clarence Rabidiau, Bob Casinghino, and Peter Kraniak. Alternates present and voting were John Divoll and Jodie Brighenti.

The minutes for the May 18, 2000 meeting were read and a motion was made to accept them as read by Bob Casinghino, seconded by Andy West. The motion to accept the minutes as read was approved unanimously. The minutes for the June 15, 2000 were read by acting secretary Bob Casinghino and a motion was made to accept the minutes as read by Clarence Rabideau, seconded by Andy West. The motion to accept the minutes as read was approved unanimously.

### New Business

1. Pat Jackson submits an application for consideration to paint her house yellow with white trim so that it will match the barn. This will change the present color of the home that is white with white trim. The barn at one time was painted yellow. The yellow paint can still be seen on the on the south façade and the cupola. Andy West motions to accept the application for consideration. Clarence Rabideau seconds. All agree to accept the application for consideration. Andy West motions to hold a public hearing. Bob Casinghino seconds. All agree to hold public hearing. Patience will notify abutters that a public hearing will be held on August 17,2000 at 7pm in regards to Pat Jackson application to change the color of her home.
2. John Divoll submits an application for consideration for a two-car handicap paved parking area on the north side of the First Congregational Church. The parking area will be in between the church and the old fire station. The parking area will be 24'-22 with a walkway that will be 8'-12' and lead up to the church's handicap access. The parking area will be paved asphalt. It is noted that the material needs to be included in the application. Andy West motions to accept amended application for consideration. Clarence seconds. All agree to accept the application for consideration. Abutters will be notified and there will be a public hearing.
3. There is concern over the Village School's building of a shed. Is there need for the School to apply for an application. It is discussed and it is determined that this is some type of play shed and looks like some type

of structure that would require an application. Andy West motions to give the Village School an application. Peter Kraniak seconds. All agree to give the Village School an application.

#### Old Business

1. Jason Fortunato's fence. When will it be painted? Patience will contact the Fortunato's to determine when they plan on painting the fence.
2. The pool on the Favereua property is visible from the road. Since the pool is visible from the road, there is a need for a fence. Patience will contact the Favereau's about this matter.

#### New Business (Continued)

3. The Design Guideline Booklet. Clarence took pictures with a digital camera of various homes architectural features to see how they would look put together on a page. Some homes have a certain style and this book will give people guidelines and pointers on how best to address homes various styles.
4. The educational aspect of the budget is mentioned and the desire for an individual that has knowledge of the history and architecture of the district. The HDC might be able to sponsor an educational event and have people view the town a person with extensive knowledge of the history and architecture would be helpful. Patience mentions the Mass HDC as a possible resource in this matter.
5. The writing of our by-law gives the Regional Planning Board the right to over turn a HDC decision in the appeal process. The HDC could look at other towns by-laws to possibly find a better process. In this situation, there is very little that the HDC can do to attempt to appeal an appeal.
6. Patience reads a letter that she had written to David Tansey about Mr. Sivoulis's comment that the HDC and Landmark needing to work together.
7. Patience reads a list of concerns and ideas for preservation of the fence. The current status of the fence is in question, would like to follow up on a letter sent to Mr. Tansey about the fence in Nov. 99 that the HDC has determined through comments made at an several meetings by residents and at this point does the HDC require an application for removal. Patience mentions opening up a dialog with

Landmark. It is mentioned that the consensus is that the fence belongs to Landmark. The HDC needs to find a way to best work with Landmark Trust. Patience will write to Mr. Tansy about the previous letter and included in that letter will be an inquiry into the status of the present state of the fence. Andy West motions to have Patience write a letter to Mr. Tansy. Clarence seconds. All Agree.

8. The present status of the half-painted Smith home and the status of an outstanding application for a chimney in the garage.
9. The Elsie Van Gell house and its condition.
10. The Historic Society signs. Andy will write to Tom Musco and Stephan Chase.

Bob Casinghino motions to adjourn. Rick Carrier seconds. Motion carried.